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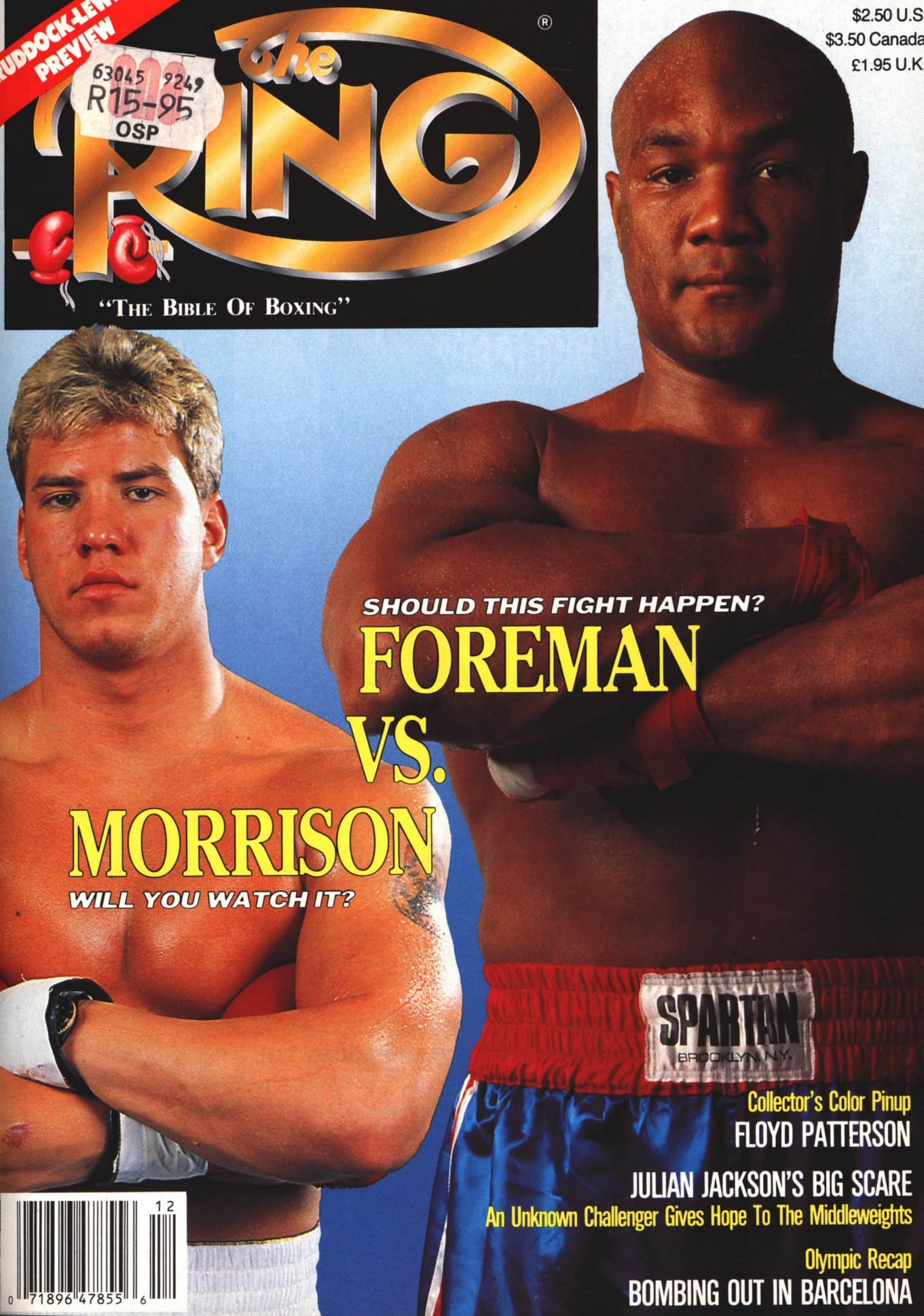

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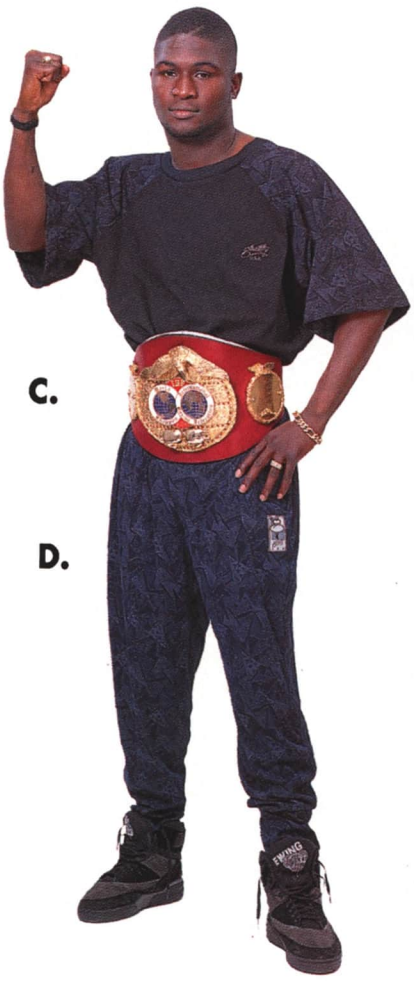

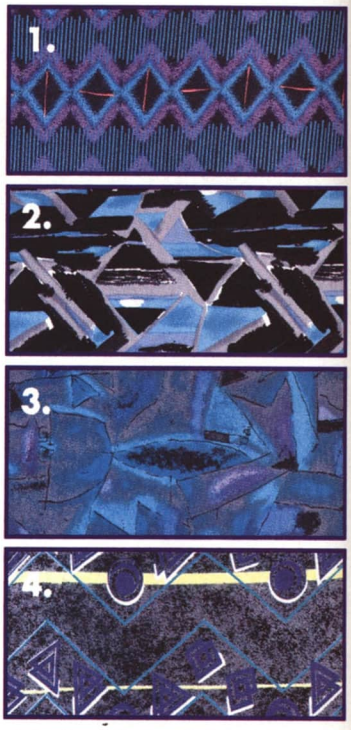

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Ringside

In August, the Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations conducted two days of hearings concerning corruption in boxing. (See "Round One" on page 8.) The hearings were held in conjunction with a bill calling for the creation of the Professional Boxing Corporation, which would help the state commissions administer the sport. The bill, sponsored by Sen. William Roth (R-Delaware), probably won't reach the Senate floor until next year.

On the first day of hearings, I was among those who testified. The readers of *The Ring* can be proud: Unlike some of the other witnesses, I didn't have to invoke the Fifth Amendment. Not even once. Perhaps not coincidentally, my testimony did not make headlines. It's tough competing with Evander Holyfield, former organized crime captain Michael Franzese, and an FBI witness identified only as "Bobby."

My subject was boxing's ratings. I'd like to be able to tell you that when I informed the Subcommittee that the IBF's number-one junior lightweight, Fernando Caicedo, wasn't rated among the WBC's top *30*, the weight of my statement silenced even the hum of the air conditioners. But that wasn't the case. In fact, I got the impression that not only couldn't the Senators have cared less about Fernando Caicedo, but they didn't know what a junior lightweight was, either.

Back to the bill. Any legislation that will standardize rules and medical regulations, as well as upgrade recordkeeping, sounds good to me. (Keep in mind, the PBC would not be funded by taxpayers' dollars.) Most of the major states have relatively strong commissions. But there's plenty of boxing in the smaller states, some of which have no commissions at all. What supporters of the bill will have to remember, however, is that the PBC won't be a panacea. Boxing is an international game, and a federal body won't have the power to run the sport throughout the world. Whether the PBC is created or not, the WBA, WBC, and IBF aren't about to disappear.

Damn.

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Much thanks to Ray Poplawski, who has been more than generous in supplying *The Ring* with tapes of fights we might have missed. Given the number of bouts on cable and Spanish-language networks, a hard-core boxing fan can wear out his VCR in a month.

Steve Farhood
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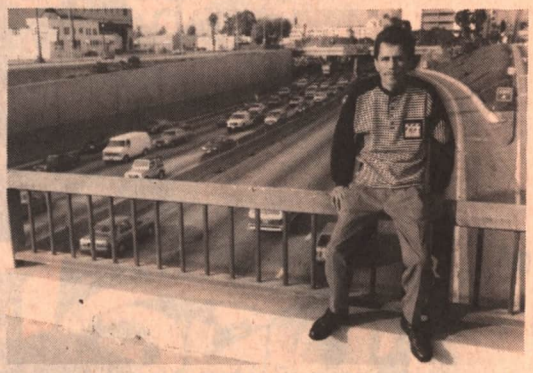

Genaro Hernandez in South Central Los Angeles

UNOBJECTIVE REPORTING

Associate Editor Robert Cassidy is a colorful and interesting writer. He brings a lot more to the story than the apparent truth. But I must take exception with some of the innuendo in his piece "A Tale Of Two City Kids" (September 1992). It was well-written, but offered an unbalanced sociological view.

At the beginning, Cassidy writes, "Blacks, whites, and Hispanics were seen on newscasts across the country turning the City of Angels into a living hell." Blacks and Hispanics were capitalized as proper nouns, but not Whites. Is not the name of our race as special as the others?

To group the Whites in with the Blacks and Hispanics when talking about turning Los Angeles into a living hell is downright deceitful and unobjective reporting. The reception on suburban Long Island television sets must be neutral. During the whole fiasco, I saw one White kid looting, and the TV showed that clip a hundred times. But even if you thought that was a different guy each time, there is no reason to include the Whites as the rioters, since the percentage was infinitesimal.

Make no mistake about it, the Whites were in the riots, but as victims. They were getting beaten, robbed, and killed by Blacks and Hispanics. To include them as rioters . . . Well, I'm sure that you'll get another chance to observe the situation again, and this time I hope that you will report it accurately.

Very soon after including the Whites as rioters on equal footing with Blacks and Hispanics, Cassidy writes, "[South Central Los Angeles] is a neighborhood that most of society turns its back on . . . " I'd have to disagree with that statement in the strongest terms. The people in these neighborhoods turned their backs on society, not the other way around. They wrecked and ravaged the place, they abandoned their children, etc.

It is they who should be taken to task for these crimes, not society. Anyone who doesn't disdain them, and move away from them, is doing a disservice to his family.

So Tito Acevedo has two or three jobs and nine kids, and he knows the horrors of the neighborhood—and he's still there. What a genius this guy must be! Be honest: Would you be able to face your children if this was where you let them grow up? Don't we expect anything from these people?

PETE DOOLEY
Largo, FL

Editor's Note: For the record, The Ring does not capitalize "blacks" or "whites." "Blacks" was capitalized in Cassidy's story because it was the first word of a sentence.

THE NEXT CHAVEZ?

I wonder why nobody gives Miguel Angel Gonzalez the credit he deserves. The unbeaten Mexican is a great boxer with a good punch and a lot of heart. He fought a few bouts in Japan, defeating that country's best lightweights, and is now ready to fight for the vacant WBC title.

If Gonzalez faces Jorge Paez, he is going to score a knockout. Two reasons: First, Paez looked terrible during his win over Johnny de la Rosa in March. Second, Paez proved in his fight with Tracy Spann that he doesn't have the chin to resist the punches of a lightweight. And Gonzalez hits harder than Spann.

I think Gonzalez will be the next Julio Cesar Chavez.

CESAR ALBERTO ALBARRAN
Huixquilucan, Mexico ■

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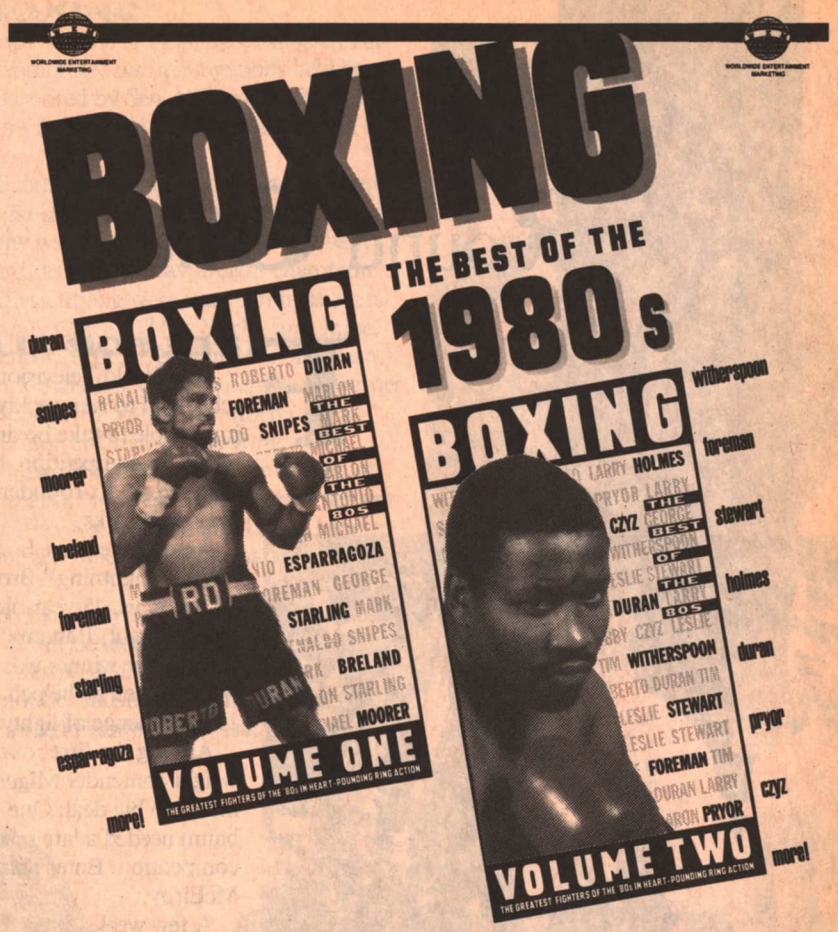

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Round One

FREE-FOR-ALL TOURNAMENT

The World Television Championships, a pay-per-view offering scheduled to run weekly through December, is a reminder of why it's impossible to take boxing too seriously. The first round of the welterweight competition, held at The Supper Club in New York City, featured six six-rounders, and a swimsuit show that had diners dropping their forks.

Among the more bizarre opening-night matchups was Charlie "White Lightning" Brown, who was boxing for the second time in six years, vs. 45-year-old Saoul Mamby. (Brown won on points.) In another fight, Panama's Augustine Caballaro kayoed Johnny Gutierrez. The winner was billed as a veteran of 34. That means that he was 14 when he helped countryman Roberto Duran prepare for his 1972 challenge of lightweight champion Ken Buchanan. *Hmmm.*

Among the first-round losers at 147 pounds was former lightweight contender Miguel Santana, who was outpointed by Louie Lomeli. No big deal: One week later, inimitable matchmaker Don Elbaum needed a late substitute for the first round of the *middleweight* competition. Enter Santana, who proceeded to lose a decision to Ray McElroy.

A few weeks after the first round of middleweights came the light heavyweights. Not all of the fighters initially scheduled to appear could make it, so . . .

Don't dare even think it.

—Steve Farhood

Mamby got hit by White Lightning

CUTWOMAN

Former middleweight champion Emile Griffith employs the title "cut specialist" to describe Dr. Rosetta Garries, the only woman to handle cuts in a fighter's corner. Garries works with a pair of world-rated fighters, super middleweight Steve Little and middleweight Bernard Hopkins. Little was impressed by her treatment of a deep cut he sustained over his left eye in a bout last year.

"She won the fight for me," he said. "The blood was spurting out, and she was able to stop it. I feel very comfortable with her in my corner. I had to get a little adjusted with her in the lockerroom, though. But I knew that, as a physician, she had probably seen everything before."

Unlike male counterparts such as Ralph Citro, Al Gavin, Angelo Dundee, and Ace Marotta, who have studied faces and cuts through years of ring experience, Garries has gone to school in the operating room; she's a trauma surgeon and plastic surgeon in private practice in New York City.

When introduced to boxing through her husband, former pro heavyweight Leland Hardy, Garries recalls being repulsed by the sport.

"As a physician, I almost vomited; I couldn't get past one human being traumatizing another for money," she said. "Now I can transcend that and see it as an art, how, physically and creatively through punches, to disarm another person."

Garries does not carry the traditional cotton swabs in her mouth—"that's unsanitary," she says—and wears her green scrub uniform in the corner.

"You're used to the roughness of the hands, and a man's voice, but she has the medical background; you have to work fast and handle a cut *like that*," Griffith explained with a snap of his fingers. "As long as the fighter and the corner accepts her, then she'll be fine."

—Arlene Schulman

Dr. Rosetta Garries

CORRUPTION IN BOXING

Every 10 or 15 years, an attempt is made to clean up boxing. In August, the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held hearings in conjunction with a bill sponsored by Sen. William V. Roth Jr. (R-Delaware) that would create a Professional Boxing Corporation to oversee the sport.

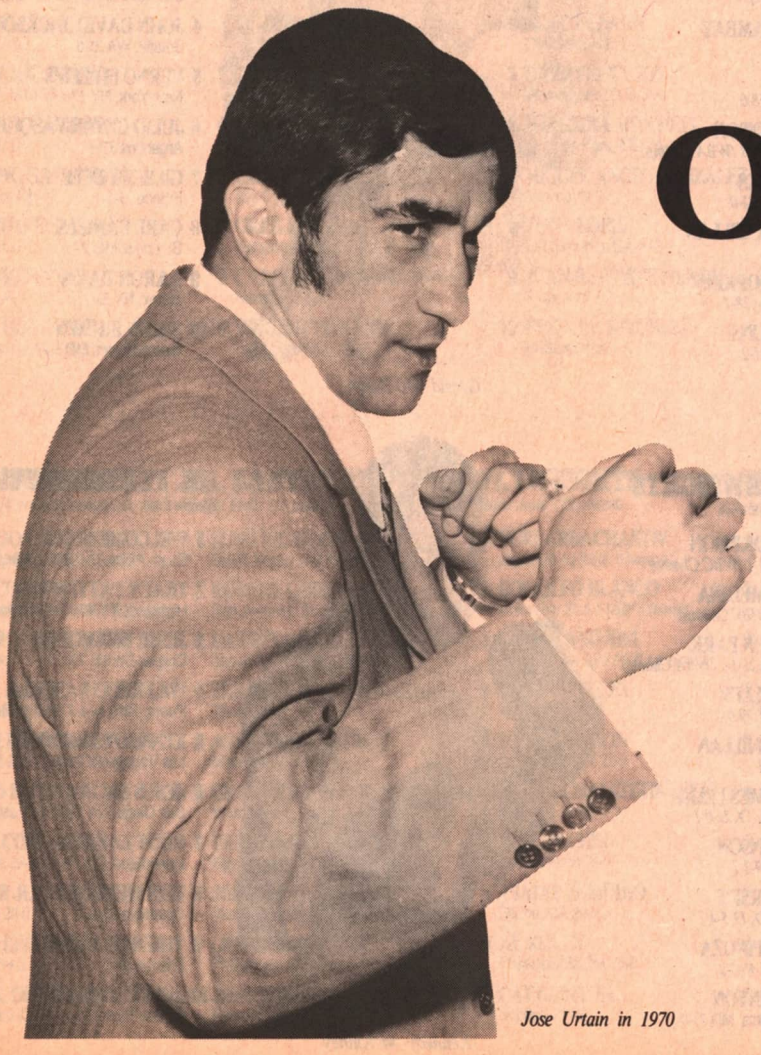
On August 11 and 12, the Subcommittee examined the state athletic commissions, boxing's ties to organized crime, and the dealings of the WBA, WBC, and IBF. Testimony was given by boxers Dave Tiberi, Bobby Czyz, and James Pritchard, as well as heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield (on tape). Also testifying were state commissioners Larry Hazzard (New Jersey), Randy Gordon (New York), and James Nave (Nevada), promoter Dan Duva, WBC President Jose Sulaiman, IBF President Bob Lee, New York State Inspector General (and former FBI special agent) Joseph Spinelli, an FBI witness identified only as "Bobby," and Steve Farhood, Editor-in-Chief of *The Ring*.

Eyebrows were raised when Michael Franzese, a former captain of the Colombo crime family, said that the mob had owned small percentages of former world champions Vito Antuofermo and Davey Moore, and, based on inside information, bet hundreds of thousands of dollars on fights.

Franzese also claimed that Gerry Cooney indicated to people with links to organized crime that he didn't believe he would win his 1982 title fight vs. Larry Holmes. Antuofermo denied any links to organized crime, and while Cooney could not be reached for comment, his former manager, Dennis Rappaport, branded Franzese's accusations lies.

—Ed Maloney

Antuofermo: Named in Washington



Jose Urtain in 1970

OUTSIDE THE ROPES

Former European heavyweight champion **Jose Urtain** died at age 49 after falling out of the window in his apartment in Madrid . . . A pair of former world title challengers, junior bantamweight **Kid Akeem** and featherweight **Jose Caba**, were arrested in Las Vegas and charged with possession of cocaine and conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance. Akeem was forced to retire after a near-fatal points loss to **Robert Quiroga** in June 1991 . . . WBA middleweight champion **Reggie Johnson** has jumped promoters, from **Murad Muhammad** to **Dan Goossen** . . . The first-ever fight card held in China appears to be set. Matched on October 16 in Beijing are IBF super middleweight champion **Iran Barkley** and **Doug DeWitt**, and light heavyweights **Leeonzer Barber** and **Mike Sedillo**, as well as middleweight **Gerald McClellan** and junior featherweight **Jesse Benavides** in bouts against opponents to be determined. ■

The Ring Ratings

For Period Ended August 12, 1992

How Our Ratings Are Compiled

In each division, fighters are ranked according to their abilities and accomplishments.

Being champion does not necessarily mean a fighter will be rated at the top of his weight class.

These ratings reflect how the best fighters in the world rate against one another.

Ratings By *The Ring* Editors
Records Compiled By Eric Armit

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Weight Unlimited

1 EVANDER HOLYFIELD
Atlanta, GA *28-0 (World Champ)*

2 RIDDICK BOWE
Fort Washington, MD *31-0*

3 RAZOR RUDDOCK
Canada *27-3-1*

4 MICHAEL MOORER
Detroit, MI *29-0*

5 TONY TUCKER
Beverly Hills, CA *45-1*

6 GEORGE FOREMAN
Marshall, TX *71-3*

7 LENNOX LEWIS
England *21-0*

8 RAY MERCER
Newark, NJ *18-1*

9 TOMMY MORRISON
Mariam, KS *33-1*

10 ALEX STEWART
Safety Harbor, FL *29-4*

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 160 pounds

1 JULIAN JACKSON
Virgin Islands *45-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 JAMES TONEY
Ann Arbor, MI *31-0-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 MIKE McCALLUM
Brooklyn, NY *43-1-1*

4 SUMBU KALAMBAY
Italy *54-5-1*

5 ROY JONES
Pensacola, FL *18-0*

6 REGGIE JOHNSON
Houston, TX *31-2-1 (WBA Champ)*

7 LAMAR PARKS
Greeneville, SC *22-0*

8 GERALD McCLELLAN
Detroit, MI *25-2*

9 BERNARD HOPKINS
Philadelphia, PA *18-1*

10 STEVE COLLINS
Brockton, MA *21-2*

Gerald McClellan

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 154 pounds

1 TERRY NORRIS
Mission Valley, CA *32-3 (WBC Champ)*

2 GIANFRANCO ROSI
Italy *56-3 (IBF Champ)*

3 VINNY PAZIENZA
Cranston, RI *31-5 (WBA Champ)*

4 JOHN DAVID JACKSON
Seattle, WA *25-0*

5 VERNO PHILLIPS
New York, NY *17-5*

6 JULIO CESAR VASQUEZ
Argentina *37-1*

7 GILBERT DELE
France *33-2-1*

8 CARL DANIELS
St. Louis, MO *27-1*

9 AARON DAVIS
Bronx, NY *33-1*

10 SIMON BROWN
Germantown, MD *36-2*

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 126 pounds

1 PAUL HODKINSON
England *20-1-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 MANUEL MEDINA
Mexico *42-3 (IBF Champ)*

3 YUNG KYUN PARK
South Korea *21-1-1 (WBA Champ)*

4 KEVIN KELLEY
Flushing, NY *29-0*

5 COLIN McMILLAN
England *23-1*

6 JESSE JAMES LELIA
San Antonio, TX *22-0-1*

7 TOM JOHNSON
Detroit, MI *29-2-1*

8 TROY DORSEY
Mansfield, TX *13-5-4*

9 LOUIE ESPINOZA
Phoenix, AZ *46-5-2*

10 JEMAL HINTON
District Heights, MD *21-0*

Kennedy McKinney

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 122 pounds

1 WELCOME NCITA
South Africa *31-0 (IBF Champ)*

2 TRACY PATTERSON
Highland, NY *45-2 (WBC Champ)*

3 JESSE BENAVIDES
Corpus Christi, TX *35-1-1*

4 WILFREDO VASQUEZ
Puerto Rico *34-6-3 (WBA Champ)*

5 KENNEDY McKINNEY
Las Vegas, NV *21-0-1*

6 JESUS SALUD
San Diego, CA *42-5*

7 RUDY ZAVALA
Rosemead, CA *17-1-1*

8 LUIS MENDOZA
Colombia *32-3-2*

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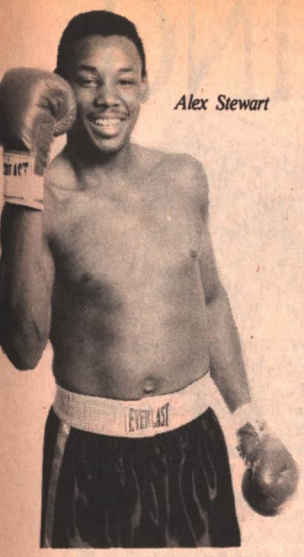
Puerto Rico *23-3-2*



Alex Stewart

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 195 pounds

1 **BOBBY CZYZ**
Montgomery, NJ *40-5 (WBA Champ)*

2 **ALFRED COLE**
Newark, NJ *21-1 (IBF Champ)*

3 **ANACLET WAMBA**
France *36-2 (WBC Champ)*

4 **ORLIN NORRIS**
Campo, CA *33-3*

5 **JEFF LAMPKIN**
Youngstown, OH *36-13-1*

6 **JAMES WARRING**
Miami, FL *14-2*

7 **NATE MILLER**
Philadelphia, PA *20-3*

8 **AKIM TAFER**
France *14-3*

9 **ARTHUR WILLIAMS**
Las Vegas, NV *17-1-1*

10 **ROBERT DANIELS**
Miami, FL *19-2-1*

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 175 pounds

1 **PRINCE CHARLES WILLIAMS**
Mansfield, OH *32-4-2 (IBF Champ)*

2 **THOMAS HEARNS**
Detroit, MI *50-4-1*

3 **VIRGIL HILL**
Bismarck, ND *32-1*

4 **FRANK TATE**
Houston, TX *31-2*

5 **JEFF HARDING**
Australia *22-1 (WBC Champ)*

6 **LEEONZER BARBER**
Detroit, MI *15-1*

7 **HENRY MASKE**
Germany *17-0*

8 **GUY WATERS**
Australia *14-2-1*

9 **SAUL MONTANA**
Mexico *17-2*

10 **TIM HILLIE**
Washington, D.C. *15-0*

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 168 pounds

1 **IRAN BARKLEY**
Bronx, NY *29-7 (IBF Champ)*

2 **VICTOR CORDOBA**
N. Ireland *16-2 (WBA Champ)*

3 **MICHAEL NUNN**
Davenport, IA *37-1*

4 **CHRIS EUBANK**
England *32-0*

5 **MAURO GALVANO**
Italy *20-1-2 (WBC Champ)*

6 **NIGEL BENN**
England *32-2*

7 **TIM LITTLES**
Flint, MI *19-0*

8 **DARRIN VAN HORN**
Lexington, KY *48-3*

9 **TONY THORNTON**
Glassboro, NJ *29-4-1*

10 **MERQUI SOSA**
New York, NY *20-2-1*

WELTERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 147 pounds

1 **BUDDY McGIRT**
Hauppauge, NY *56-2-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **MELDRICK TAYLOR**
Cheltenham, PA *29-2-1 (WBA Champ)*

3 **MAURICE BLOCKER**
Germantown, MD *33-2 (IBF Champ)*

4 **GENARO LEON**
Mexico *41-2-2*

5 **GLENWOOD BROWN**
Plainfield, NJ *36-3*

6 **YORI BOY CAMPAS**
Mexico *41-0*

7 **MANNING GALLOWAY**
Colombus, OH *48-11-1*

8 **CRISANTO ESPANA**
N. Ireland *27-0*

9 **LUDOVIC PROTO**
France *24-0*

10 **DAVID GONZALEZ**
San Jose, CA *29-1-1*

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 140 pounds

1 **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ**
Mexico *81-0 (WBC Champ)*

2 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
Norfolk, VA *30-1 (IBF Champ)*

3 **AKINOBU HIRANAKA**
Japan *20-1 (WBA Champ)*

4 **TERRENCE ALLI**
Linden, NJ *50-7-2*

5 **CHARLES MURRAY**
Newark, NJ *25-1*

6 **RAFAEL PINEDA**
Colombia *28-2*

7 **HECTOR CAMACHO**
Big Cypress, FL *40-1*

8 **GREG HAUGEN**
Henderson, NV *31-4-1*

9 **CARLOS GONZALEZ**
Mexico *32-0*

10 **VINCENT PHILLIPS**
Las Vegas, NV *25-0*

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 135 pounds

1 **JOEY GAMACHE**
Lewiston, ME *28-0 (WBA Champ)*

2 **FREDDIE PENDLETON**
Miami, FL *32-17-3*

3 **JORGE PAEZ**
Mexico *42-4-4*

4 **TRACY SPANN**
Plainfield, NJ *27-1*

5 **DARRYLL TYSON**
Washington, D.C. *39-4*

6 **SHARMBA MITCHELL**
Takoma Park, MD *28-0*

7 **MIGUEL ANGEL GONZALEZ**
Mexico *28-0*

8 **TONY LOPEZ**
Sacramento, CA *40-3-1*

9 **JEAN-BAPTISTE MENDY**
France *40-4-2*

10 **FRANKIE MITCHELL**
Philadelphia, PA *29-2*

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 130 pounds

1 **AZUMAH NELSON**
Ghana *34-2-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **GENARO HERNANDEZ**
Los Angeles, CA *26-0 (WBA Champ)*

3 **JOHN-JOHN MOLINA**
Puerto Rico *27-3 (IBF Champ)*

4 **JEFF FENECH**
Australia *26-1-1*

5 **BERNARD TAYLOR**
Knoxville, TN *44-2-2*

6 **GABE RUELAS**
Arleta, CA *31-1*

7 **CALVIN GROVE**
Philadelphia, PA *41-4*

8 **REGILIO TUUR**
Whitestone, NY *29-2-1*

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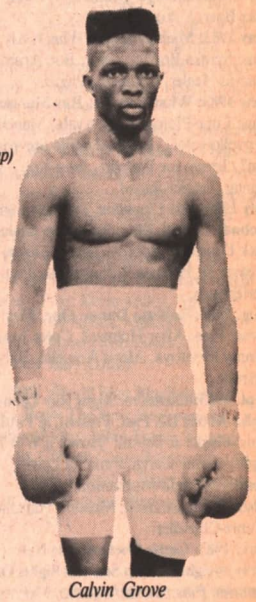
Mexico *62-7-3*

10 **YUJI WATANABE**
Japan *9-0*



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BANTAMWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 118 pounds

1 **ORLANDO CANIZALES**
Laredo, TX *32-1-1 (IBF Champ)*

2 **EDDIE COOK**
Las Vegas, NV *18-1 (WBA Champ)*

3 **JOICHIRO TATSUYOSHI**
Japan *7-0-1*

4 **JUNIOR JONES**
Brooklyn, NY *23-0*

5 **VICTOR RABANALES**
Mexico *32-10-2 (WBC Champ)*

6 **CECILIO ESPINO**
Los Angeles, CA *23-2*

7 **ISRAEL CONTRERAS**
Venezuela *35-3-1*

8 **ELIECER JULIO**
Colombia *20-0*

9 **JAVIER LEON**
Mexico *37-4-2*

10 **RAFAEL DEL VALLE**
Puerto Rico *13-0*

JR. BANTAMWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 115 pounds

1 **SUNG KIL MOON**
South Korea *17-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **ROBERT QUIROGA**
San Antonio, TX *20-0 (IBF Champ)*

3 **KATSUYA ONIZUKA**
Japan *18-0 (WBA Champ)*

4 **THALERNGSAK SITHBAOBAY**
Thailand *38-3*

5 **ARMANDO CASTRO**
Mexico *47-8-1*

6 **GREG RICHARDSON**
Youngstown, OH *29-4*

7 **VINCENZO BELCASTRO**
Italy *22-5-3*

8 **JOSE QUIRINO**
Mexico *28-6*

9 **GERRY PENALOSA**
Philippines *20-0-1*

10 **JOSE RUIZ**
Puerto Rico *22-3*

FLYWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 112 pounds

1 **YURI ARBACHAKOV**
Japan *13-0 (WBC Champ)*

2 **RODOLFO BLANCO**
Colombia *26-6-1 (IBF Champ)*

3 **YONG KANG KIM**
South Korea *25-3 (WBA Champ)*

4 **DAVE McAULEY**
Ireland *18-3-2*

5 **SCOTTY OLSON**
Las Vegas, NV *23-0*

6 **MUANGCHAI KITTIKASEM**
Thailand *18-2*

7 **YUN UN CHIN**
South Korea *26-0*

8 **YSAIAS ZAMUDIO**
Blythe, CA *29-3-1*

9 **AL KOTEY**
Philadelphia, PA *16-0*

10 **PAT CLINTON**
Scotland *19-1*

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 108 pounds

1 **HIROKI IOKA**
Japan *21-2-1 (WBA Champ)*

2 **MICHAEL CARBAJAL**
Phoenix, AZ *23-0 (IBF Champ)*

3 **HUMBERTO GONZALEZ**
Mexico *33-1 (WBC Champ)*

4 **MYUNG WOO YUH**
South Korea *36-1*

5 **MELCHOR COB CASTRO**
Mexico *33-3-3*

6 **LEON SALAZAR**
Panama *15-3-1*

7 **JOSE DeJESUS**
Puerto Rico *26-2-1*

8 **ROBINSON CUESTAS**
Panama *22-0*

9 **KWANG SUN KIM**
South Korea *5-1*

10 **DOMINGO SOSA**
Dominican Republic *17-1*

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Junior Welterweight

2 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
Junior Welterweight

3 **TERRY NORRIS**
Junior Middleweight

4 **EVANDER HOLYFIELD**
Heavyweight

5 **ORLANDO CANIZALES**
Bantamweight

6 **BUDDY McGIRT**
Welterweight

7 **AZUMAH NELSON**
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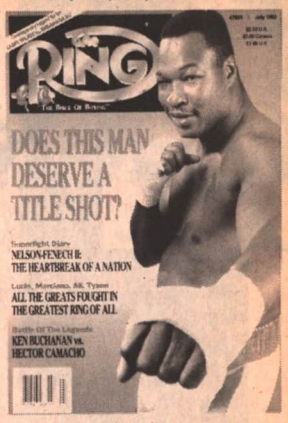

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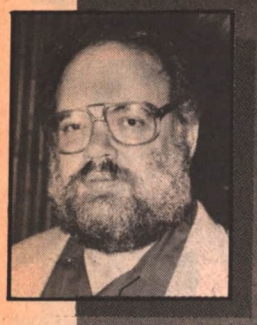


Katz Scan

By Michael Katz

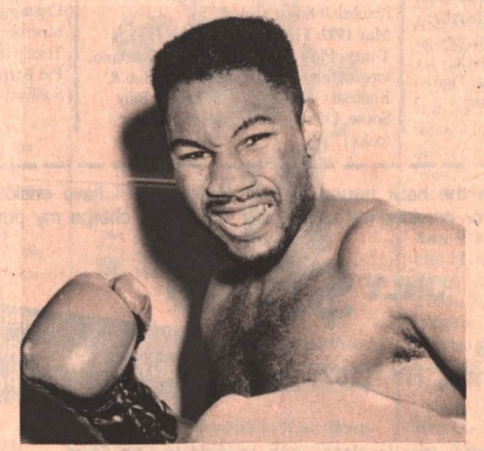
FOUR FOR IT ALL

Mike Tyson did not take boxing hostage in an Indiana prison cell. The game's doing quite all right without its flagship, despite Senate committees, Olympic judges, and the more commonplace annoyances. It'll be a year in March that the once and future heavyweight king was locked up—about the same time boxing's version of the Final Four should reach its glorious conclusion. It's all a refreshing affirmation that life goes on, and who would have thunk it? Well, just about everyone with half an uppercut and half a left hook.

"I didn't think the heavyweight division was going to die because Mike Tyson was in prison," said Razor Ruddock. "It took a great blow, but Mike Tyson can't carry the division by himself."

It might even be argued that Tyson carried things too far by himself, that he took the competitiveness out of the glamour division. Without him, we now have a scenario that gives us two realistically tough fights, with the winners to meet next March or April.

It starts with Ruddock, he of the half-uppercut, half-hook, meeting Lennox Lewis on October 31, and continues with the precariously balanced champion, Evander Holyfield, being challenged by Riddick Bowe on November 13. I figure Lewis outboxes the one-dimensional Ruddock, and then Bowe knocks the little champion over the precipice. These matches are so easy to handicap, I'll probably be picking Ruddock over Holyfield in the final.



Columnist Katz likes Lennox Lewis' chances vs. Razor Ruddock. Is it finally time for a British heavyweight king?

My friend Bernie Fernandez of the *Philadelphia Daily News* conducted a quick poll of some heavyweight types, from Angelo Dundee to Larry Holmes, and Ruddock indeed emerged as the overwhelming favorite (five votes to two for Bowe, with one for Lewis, and nary a one for the undisputed and undefeated champion). Ruddock, remember, lost two fights last year to the future con, taking maybe three of 19 rounds. Obviously, Desiree Washington's brave stand in Indianapolis did wonders for the heavyweight division.

Tyson's absence, for at least three years, gives the division a chance to sort itself. Holyfield's lackluster showings against George Foreman, Bert Cooper, and Holmes gave him the appearance of a caretaker champion, a lame duck who was chicken to fight real contenders.

This was an unfair assessment. Holyfield, whatever his shortcomings as a fighter, is a decent sort who was more than willing to meet his greatest challenger. It wasn't his fault that Tyson messed up. In fact, if there was any mud to be thrown, it should have stuck to the so-called young lions, who hid in their lairs while awaiting their shot at the title, cautiously avoiding any contact with one another.

But let us give praise to Ruddock and Lewis, who could easily have waited their turns, yet still had enough confidence to fight each other. Ruddock, of course, has

shown such lack of discretion before, meeting Tyson twice and jeopardizing his place in the pecking order.

Lewis is the least known of the Final Four competitors. But Ruddock knows him well, having beaten a 15-year-old Lewis—he was all of 18 himself—when they were both amateurs in Toronto.

"He's the same Lennox Lewis," said Ruddock after watching the repatriated Englishman win a tuneup against Mike Dixon in Atlantic City. "He hasn't changed that dramatically, except he's got confidence. He's got balls to walk in there with me."

This was one of the qualities that made me believe Lewis was the second, but slimmer, coming of Buster Douglas. I had envisioned this scenario if Tyson had been acquitted in Indianapolis:

Tyson storms through Evander Holyfield, Bowe, any old men who get in his way, and some Don King retreads to restate his position of baddest man on the planet. Tyson becomes insufferably arrogant, believes no one with primitive skills dare challenge him. Tyson's then matched with Lewis— thinks he's fighting another Frank Bruno. You know, a British heavyweight. What chance do they have this century?

But Lewis brings to the table all the qualities Douglas did in Tokyo. He has a smart jab and a right hand that can keep even a Tyson honest. He is tall (6'5"), can box, and is not too proud to do just that if he can't knock his man out quickly. He has a good chin, and most important, he can't be intimidated.

I wouldn't mind a British heavyweight champion, not if it meant a lot of paid business trips to London. But Lewis is more than just a tourist's delight. He is sharp, funny, and quotable. When I mentioned to him that Tyson was studying the Muslim religion in prison, he said, "When a man is drowning, he likes to surround himself with lifeboats."

Tyson may be superior—maybe—to anyone in the Final Four, but otherwise, he's not in their class. Holyfield is a decent young man, but he would be the dullest guest on Arsenio. Bowe is a delight with his antics—none of that "I'll make you my girlfriend" garbage that Tyson laid on Ruddock—and, like the two fighters of Jamaican descent, need not be afraid of talk show hosts.

Unbeaten Riddick Bowe earned a try at undisputed champion Evander Holyfield by stopping Pierre Coetzer in July.

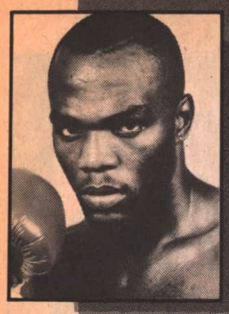
Ruddock, for example, smarting that Bowe was going to go "in the backdoor" to a title shot before he did, cracked—in the presence of both Bowe and Lewis—"I got to go all the way to London. The only thing that makes it exciting is I get to fly on the Concorde."

The Final Four gives boxing much-needed structure. Whatever you might think about Holyfield, he is champion, and if he is still champion two fights from now, he'll at last have the respect that goes with the title. Whoever wins this tournament will be recognized as champion in more than name. And the matchups are intriguing. Take, for instance, a final of Bowe and Lewis, a rematch of the 1988 Olympic final in which a discouraged and wounded Bowe gave in.

The winner will also have some decent paydays waiting. Michael Moorer, if still available, would be number one. Undoubtedly, the three losers from the tournament will still be marketable. There's always the chance Tommy Morrison or Ray Mercer or whomever can fill some seats. By the time this crop is reaped, there will be the Class of '92 to contend with—and biggest of all, the inevitable return of Tyson.

That's if the Final Four actually happens. If it doesn't, I suspect the reason would be one where the end result would be to delete the alphabets, which wouldn't be so bad, either. The biggest danger to the tournament is Bowe beating Holyfield. Bowe's manager, Rock Newman, a very independent sort, is still seething that the WBC took his guy from number one and moved him behind Ruddock, who was coming off two losses to Tyson. Newman's revenge could be to tell the alphabets to get lost; his fighter will decide who his next challenger will be. But if Lewis beats Ruddock, the chances are that Bowe will insist it be his Olympic conqueror anyway. The fighter's revenge will take precendence over the manager's.

Now if the other divisions can get around to Final Fours, boxing could be salvaged. Imagine, a Final Four without having to listen to Dick Vitale. ■



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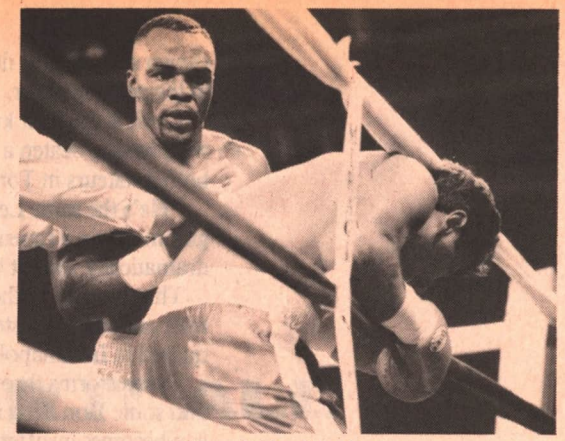

Marcus finishes Mike Garcia

Egerton Marcus

Light Heavyweight

By Joseph C. Tintle

Too often, the right fist of Egerton Marcus has been as brittle as it has been deadly. Too often, when he has landed a punch, it has hurt *him* as much as it hurt his opponent.

Because of his nagging injuries, Marcus has fought only eight pro fights in 3½ years. Disappointing? You bet. But the 27-year-old Canadian, who was the middleweight silver medalist at the 1988 Olympic Games, has been optimistic about his fistic future since undergoing an operation on his index finger in August 1989. The surgery, which was followed by almost two years of inactivity, has allowed him to punch relatively pain-free.

In July 1991, Marcus returned to action with a first-round knockout of James Powell. He has since won four more fights, two by knockout. In his latest victory, a one-round destruction of Mike Garcia, Marcus dropped his opponent with a flurry of left uppercuts, hooks, and, yes, even right hands. But no more than one or two, he said, because he's doing whatever he can to protect that part of his weaponry.

"These days I use my left hand more and I pray a lot," he said with a laugh.

His problems started in 1987. He broke the second metacarpal bone of his index finger while in training and couldn't defend the national amateur middleweight title that he had won two straight years.

He maintains that the initial bone break was not properly set. That, he said, led to a second fracture just before the quarterfinal round of the Seoul Olympics.

"But I never let on to doctors or anyone about the pain I was in," he said. "Even when the hand got real swollen and doctors took a look at it, I just smiled. I was determined that nothing, not even all that pain, was going to stop me from winning a gold medal."

Marcus was able to ignore much of the pain and reach the championship round. But Germany's Henry Maske decisioned him to win the gold.

After the Olympics, Marcus had the broken bone reset, and eight months later, began his pro career. He scored three first-round knockouts before injury again befell him.

What delighted trainer George Benton was that each of Marcus' kayos had come from a different punch. First a jab did the job. Then a right. Then a hook. It wasn't long before Benton began proclaiming that the 175-pounder was destined for a championship belt. He and promoter Dan Duva stuck by Marcus after surgery that August—following a third broken bone—and throughout his two-year layoff.

"We saw him as a helluva fighter then, and we see him as a helluva fighter now," Benton said. "He's quick, and he punches like hell."

Although Marcus prefers not to dwell on the topic, he admits that he still experiences hand problems. Last February, he broke his right hand for the *fourth* time and was advised not to fight for five months. He's back now, but there's

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PRO RECORD

1989

April 14	Leroy Moore, Atlantic City	KO 1
April 30	Anthony Jones, Norfolk, VA	KO 1
July 15	J.J. Morgan, Lake Tahoe, NV	KO 1

1990

(Inactive)

1991

July 27	James Powell, Norfolk	KO 1
Aug. 30	David Martin, Corpus Christi, TX	W 6
Oct. 5	Randy Leaks, Reno	KO 4
Nov. 23	Pat Alley, Atlanta	W 6

1992

July 18	Mike Garcia, Las Vegas	KO 1

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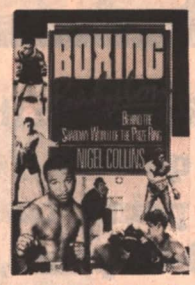

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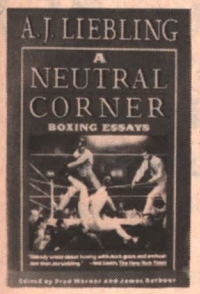

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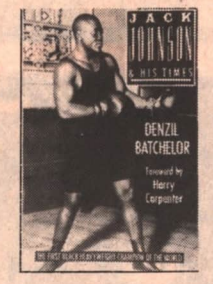

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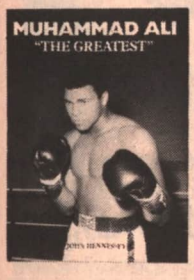

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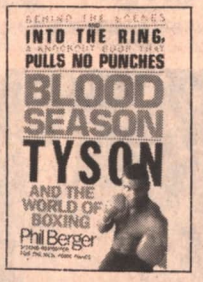

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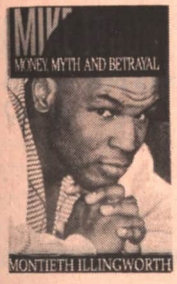

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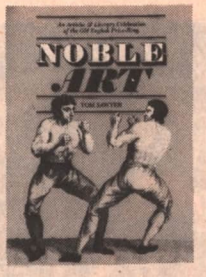

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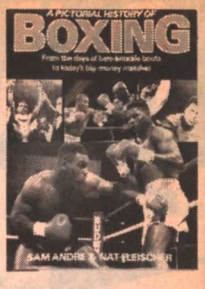

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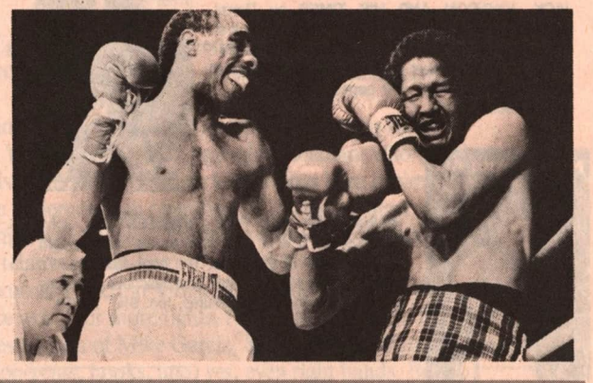

The catcher is Pedro Acosta. Name the pitcher, a one-time star of the Kronk stable, who was kayoed by Aaron Pryor in a brutal November 1981 title fight.

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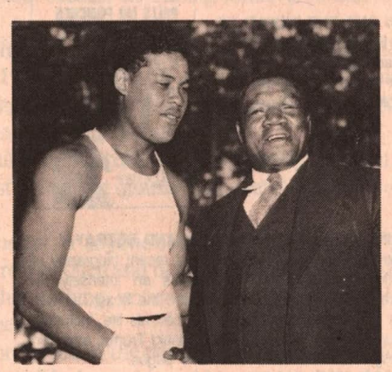

These are two of the greatest fighters of all-time. But only one was crowned a world champion. We'll give you Joe Louis. Greeting him is one of the first of the great black heavyweights. (The photo was taken in May 1936.)

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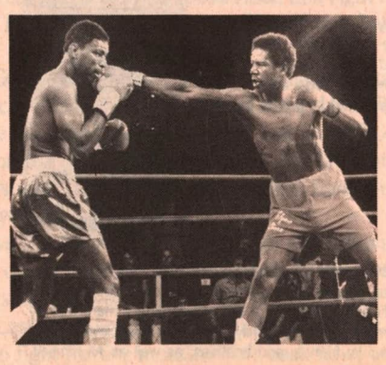

A berth on the U.S. Olympic team has never guaranteed professional success. Consider this highly touted 1976 Olympian, shown scoring with his southpaw jab during an October 1982 victory over Robbie Sims. (Don't bother reading the writing on his shorts; it won't help identify him.)

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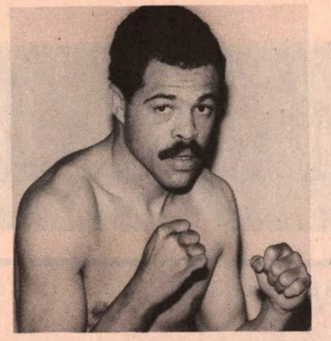

As long as we're on the topic of the Olympics, this 1984 gold medalist was a bust as a pro. His big chance was a May 1988 showdown with perennial contender Terrence Ali. He lost on points.

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Our obligatory Ali-opponent photo: "The Greatest's" victim was a rock-hard power-puncher who, by the time he challenged for the title in November 1966, was well past his prime.

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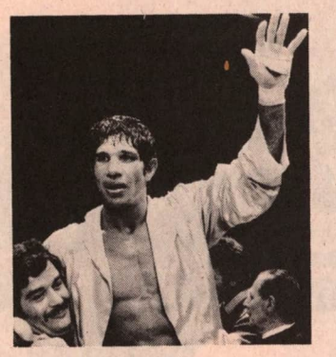

A quick glance and you might identify this middleweight as Carlos Monzon. In fact, it's one of Monzon's title fight victims. A European champion (note the championship belt), he was kayoed by the Argentine in December 1975.

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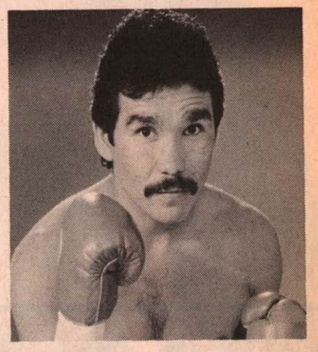

This former two-time 115-pound champion was one of the classiest Mexican fighters of all-time, sort of a poor man's Salvador Sanchez. And like Sanchez, he was killed in a car crash. He was 28.

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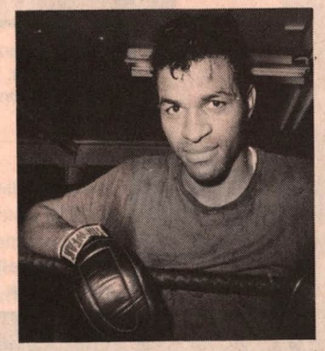

One of the finest Canadian fighters in history, this welterweight was beaten in title bouts by Jose Napoles, Angel Espada, and Pipino Cuevas.

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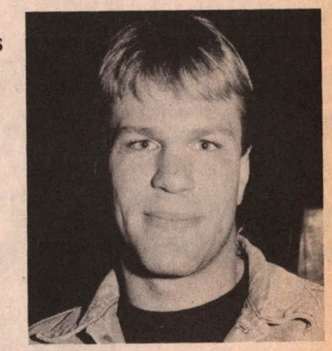

Back to the Kronkies. This middleweight was, along with Hilmer Kenty, the stable's first local star. He was scheduled for a March 1982 try at world champion Marvin Hagler, but suffered an injury and was replaced by teammate Caveman Lee.

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Bobby Chacon started his career with 19 straight wins. Victory number 19, a 10th-round TKO, came against a badly faded former bantamweight champion from Mexico.

ANSWERS:

1) Dujuan Johnson; 2) Sam Langford; 3) Clint Jackson; 4) Jerry Page; 5) Cleveland Williams; 6) Gratien Tonna; 7) Gilberto Roman; 8) Clyde Gray; 9) Mickey Goodwin; 10) Chucho Castillo

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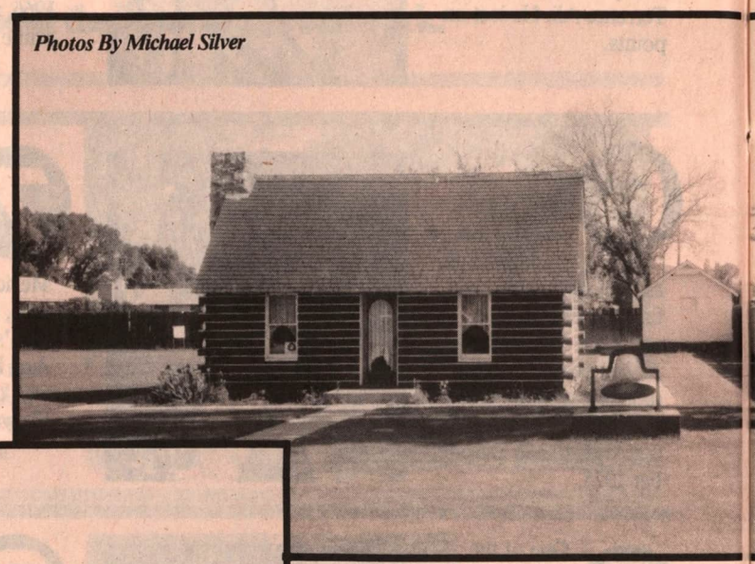
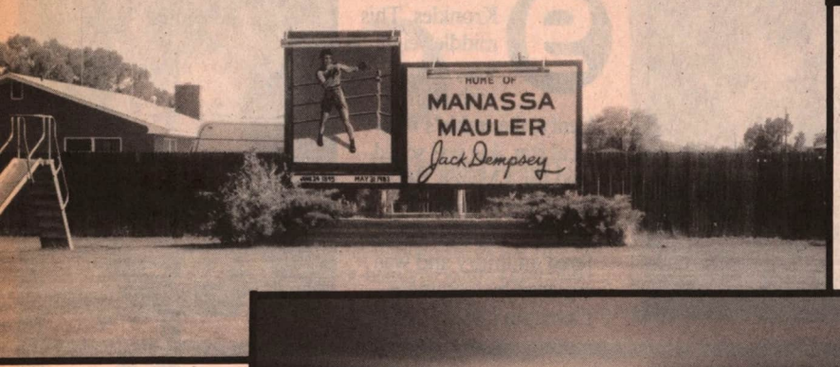
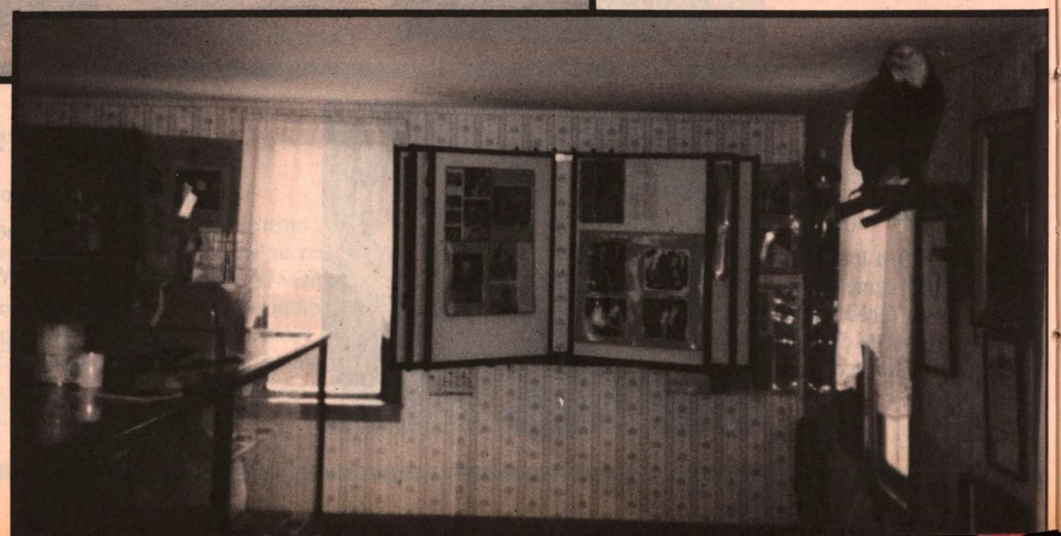


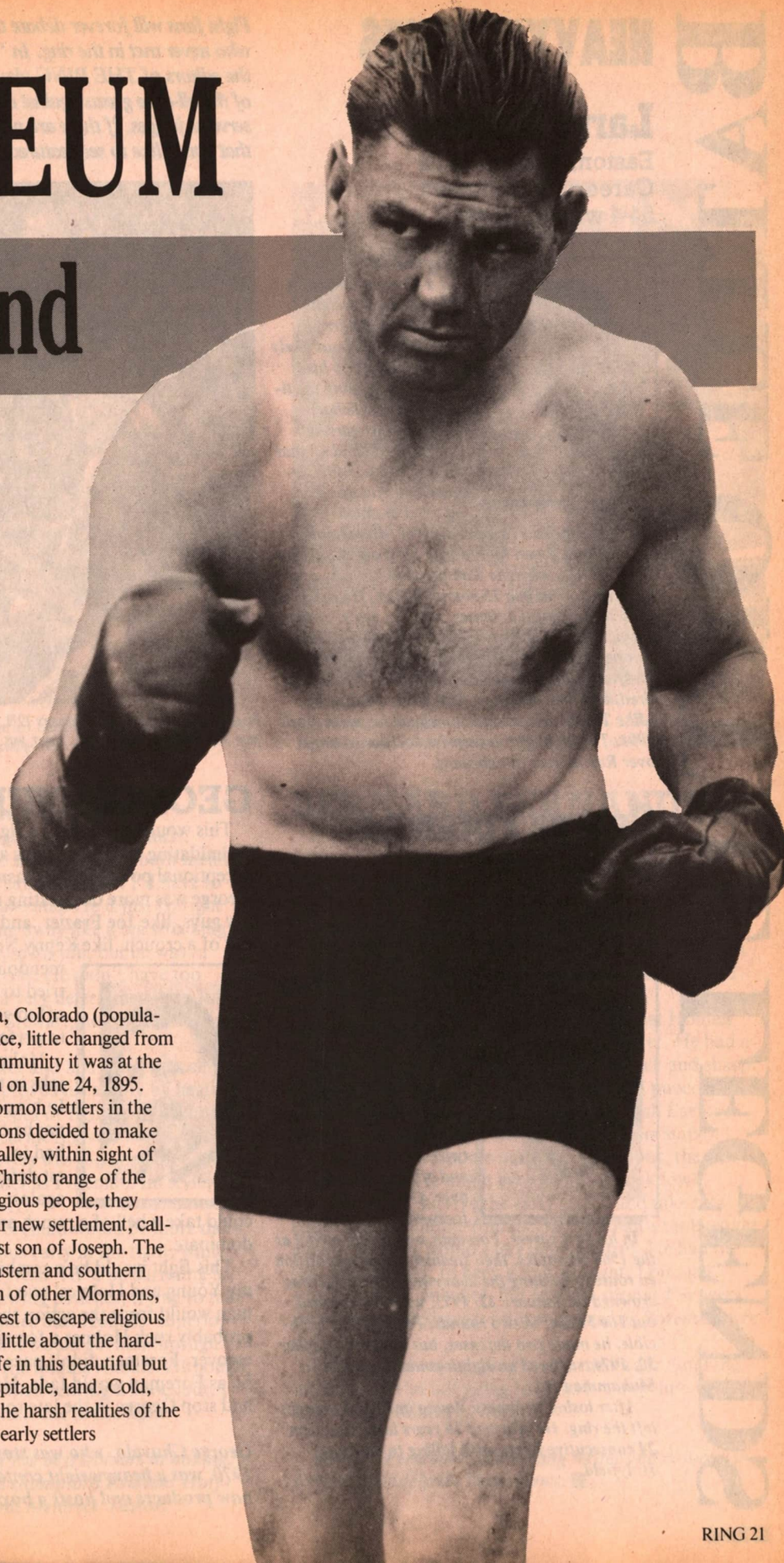
The Jack Dempsey Museum, located in the legendary champion's hometown of Manassa, Colorado.



Adjacent to the museum is Jack Dempsey Park. The attractions draw 200 visitors per month.

Part of the interior of the museum. Among the memorabilia on display: Dempsey's gloves and boxing shoes.





By Michael Silver

The town of Manassa, Colorado (population 988), is, in essence, little changed from the quiet pioneer community it was at the time of Jack Dempsey's birth on June 24, 1895. Manassa was founded by Mormon settlers in the late-1870s. About 100 Mormons decided to make their home in the San Luis Valley, within sight of the snow-capped Sangre de Christo range of the Rocky Mountains. Being religious people, they chose a biblical name for their new settlement, calling it Manassa, after the eldest son of Joseph. The settlers had come from the eastern and southern states following the migration of other Mormons, who years earlier had gone west to escape religious persecution. They knew very little about the hardships and rigors of frontier life in this beautiful but rugged, and sometimes inhospitable, land. Cold, hunger, and epidemics were the harsh realities of the frontier life with which these early settlers had to deal.

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BATTLE OF THE LEGENDS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Larry Holmes

Easton, Pennsylvania
Career: 1973-present
54-4 with 37 kayos

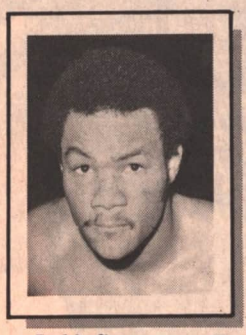
On June 19, Holmes lost a 12-round decision to world heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield. The bout likely brought an end to his dream of regaining the title he lost to Michael Spinks seven years ago. Holmes is 42, and all that remains is a possible Seniors Tour finale vs. George Foreman.

A longtime sparring partner for Muhammad Ali, Holmes began to establish his own identity on June 9, 1978, when he won the WBC title by edging Ken Norton in a 15-round thriller. He followed with 20 successful defenses over 7½ years. Among his victims: Mike Weaver, Earnie Shavers, Gerry Cooney, Tim Witherspoon, Leon Spinks, and Ali.

After losing a rematch with Spinks, Holmes retired, and then returned, only to be crushed by Mike Tyson. His second comeback began in April 1991. The highlight: a surprise decision victory over Ray Mercer in February.

George Foreman

Marshall, Texas
Career: 1969-1977; 1987-present
71-3 with 66 kayos

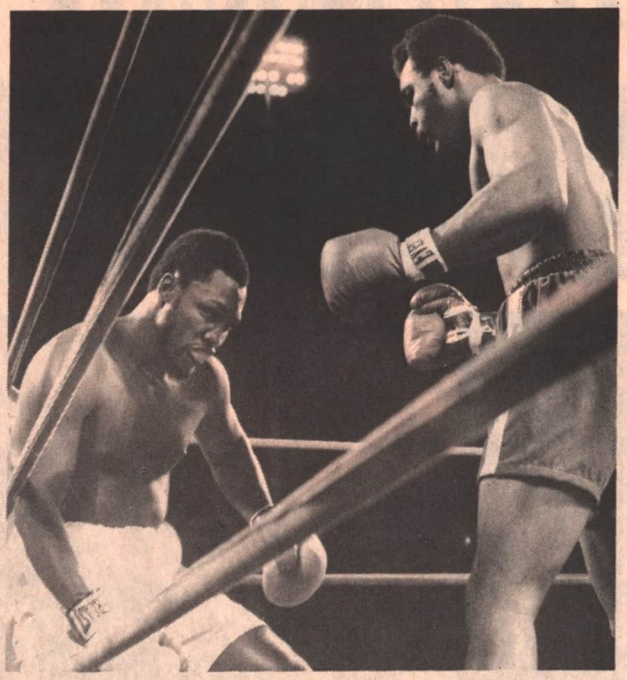


Like Holmes, Foreman fights on, though it's unlikely that he'll secure another try at the title. On April 19, 1991, Big George lost on points to world champion Evander Holyfield. He's fought twice since, but at age 43, and after a painful win over Alex Stewart, his farewell seems near.

In his first career, Foreman won a gold medal at the 1968 Olympics, then steamrolled all opposition en route to winning the heavyweight title. He was crowned on January 22, 1973, when he bombed out Joe Frazier in two rounds. Perceived as invincible, he made two defenses, but then, on October 30, 1974, suffered an eighth-round kayo loss to Muhammad Ali.

After losing to Jimmy Young in 1977, Foreman left the ring. He returned 10 years later, and won 24 consecutive fights until failing to dethrone Holyfield.

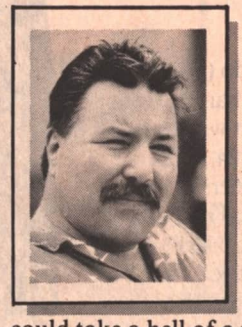
Fight fans will forever debate the merits of champions who never met in the ring. In "Battle Of The Legends," the editors of THE RING play matchmaker and pit two of the all-time greats against each other. Three experts serve as judges. If there are particular dream matches that you'd like to see featured, please write to us.



Foreman shocked the world in January 1973, when he kayoed heavyweight champion Joe Frazier in two rounds. Never was Big George's power more evident.

GEORGE CHUVALO

This would be a hell of a fight. Foreman was a very intimidating fighter. He was always attacking. He had exceptional power, but it wasn't one-punch power. George was more devastating against smaller, stationary guys, like Joe Frazier, and bigger guys who fought out of a crouch, like Kenny Norton. Foreman had tremendous strength, so if a guy tried to get inside, he'd push him off to get him in range, as he did to perfection against Frazier.

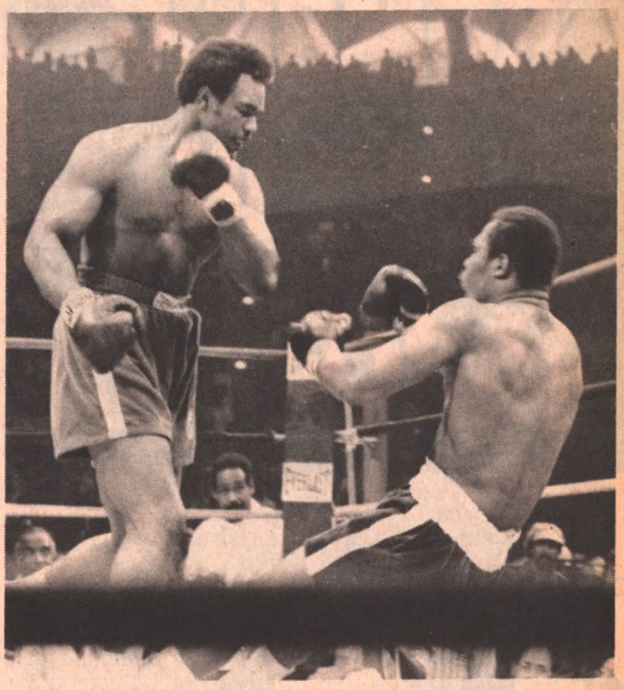


Holmes had one of the best jabs in the history of the division. In his prime, he had great stamina; he could move all night if he had to. He didn't have the greatest defense, but he proved against Earnie Shavers that he could take a hell of a punch and still come back and dominate.

This fight would be a combination of Foreman-Jimmy Young and Holmes' two fights with Shavers. Foreman would force the action the entire fight. He would probably rock Holmes a few times. But Holmes would recover. Foreman didn't pace himself well back then. So as Foreman would fade, Holmes would get stronger and stop George in the late rounds.

George Chuvalo, who was stopped by Foreman in 1970, was a heavyweight contender in the 1960s. He now produces and hosts a boxing TV show in Toronto.

Holmes, a highly skilled boxer, proved his championship heart in bouts like his unforgettable June 1978 WBC title-winning victory over Ken Norton.

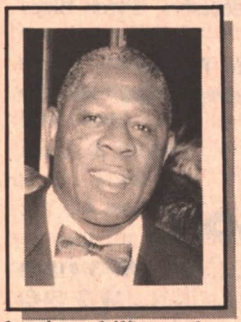


After Foreman annihilated Ken Norton in March 1974, he was deemed invincible. His title defense against Muhammad Ali, of course, proved him mortal.

GEORGE BENTON

This would be a real tough fight for both men. Holmes and Foreman were strong fighters both mentally and physically. When it came to styles, I'd have to say that Foreman didn't have one. He'd just go right after his opponent and bang away like a big wrecking ball. Once in a while he'd use his jab, but he was in there just to knock people out. He didn't have too many decision wins. He's a very determined guy. Just look at his fight with Alex Stewart; he could have quit several times, but he didn't.

Holmes was a better boxer and had a hell of a chin.



He proved his ability by beating all types of fighters. He dominated Earnie Shavers twice, and Shavers was the same type of fighter as Foreman: no style, just power.

Foreman would be more dangerous early in the fight, while still fresh. He'd be barreling in, throwing punches, trying to take Holmes out. Holmes' superior boxing ability and great chin would get him through. He'd start to pull away in the middle rounds. Although I could never rule out Foreman scoring a knockout, I think Holmes would stop him late in the fight.

George Benton is one of the best trainers in boxing. Among his fighters: world champions Evander Holyfield, Pernell Whitaker, and Meldrick Taylor.

BERNARD FERNANDEZ

It would be interesting because all of Foreman's fights could end at any moment. The old George—I mean the young George—had awesome power, but he

was also a bit wild, and he had a stamina problem. He would just walk in and throw punches. Not many guys lasted past the third or fourth round.

No one can say that Holmes was not a clever boxer. He had a great jab; it was quick and sharp. And he could take a punch with the best of them—ask Earnie Shavers and Renaldo Snipes.

Foreman would come out fast and furious, the way he always did. He might even score a knockdown. Holmes would survive the early attack and take total control in the middle rounds. As Foreman's tank would empty, Holmes would exert more control. He had the jab, and the legs, to keep going all night. Foreman would land his punches, but Holmes survived Shavers' best shots, and Shavers hit just as hard as Foreman ever did.

Holmes is always getting on the media for dumping on him, but I'm not going to. This is a matchup he could win. Holmes by decison.

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Olympic Recap

BOMBING OUT IN BARCELONA

Compiled By Steve Farhood

Okay, let's go over it once more: For a punch to register, three of the five judges have to push either the red or blue button within one second of each other. During a furious flurry, one fighter can throw five or six punches in a second. What happens if both fighters are firing away? Might Judge A still be reacting to the first punch while Judge B is reacting to the second and third?

Just thought we'd ask.

At the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, the computerized scoring system was such a failure that it made fans, fighters, and coaches long for the politically motivated robberies of prior international amateur competitions. How much confusion did the scoring create? Consider that Ghanian judge Keith Dadzie was suspended for scoring two matches 0-0. (Someone buy that man a Nintendo Game Boy so he can practice.)

Did it seem that only American boxers were screwed by the scoring? In fact, fighters from across the globe were victimized. Nonetheless, the American team was a failure, capturing only one gold medal, and a total of three medals overall. It was their worst Olympic performance since the 1956 Games in Melbourne. (In contrast, the Cubans won seven gold medals.)

Here, then, is a fighter-by-fighter summary of the USA's fortunes.

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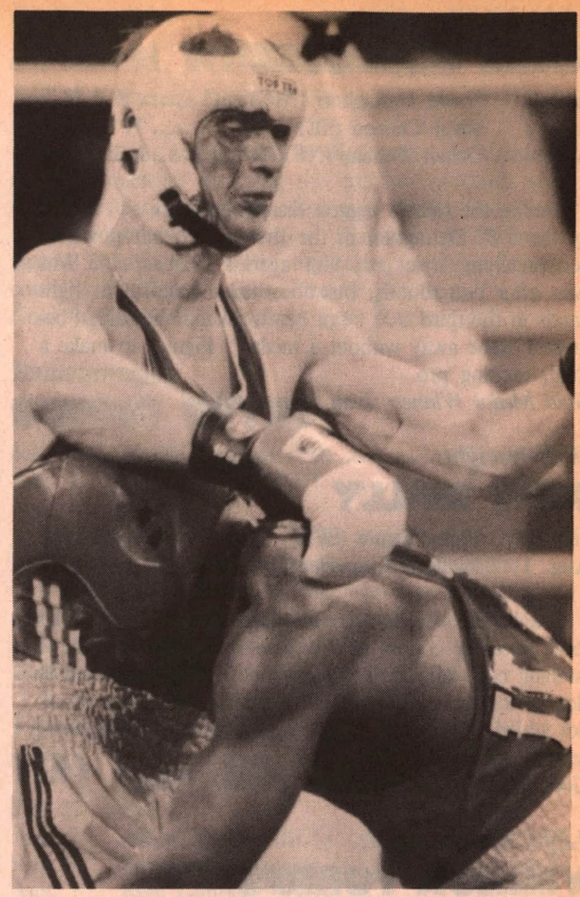
Team USA before its departure for Barcelona



Torsten May was bloodied by Montell Griffin

Super Heavyweight:
LARRY DONALD

July 27 Bye
July 31 Nikolai Koulpine (CIS) ..... KO 3
Aug. 4 Roberto Balado (CUBA) ..... L 3 (10-4)

Stopped Koulpine only two seconds before the final bell; was leading 8-0 at the time of the stoppage . . . Had previously beaten the quick and mobile Balado, but fought without fire, especially in the third round . . . As a result, went home without a medal . . . Doesn't figure to be as marketable as either of his predecesors, Tyrell Biggs (1984) or Riddick Bowe (1988).

Gold Medal Winner: Roberto Balado (Cuba)

(Balado was named the outstanding boxer of the competition)

Heavyweight:
DANELL NICHOLSON

July 28 Paul Lawson (GB)..... W 3 (10-2)
July 31 Zelijko Mavrovic (CRO) ..... W 3 (9-6)
Aug. 3 Felix Savon (CUBA) ..... L 3 (13-11)

Inexperienced Chicagoan was particularly impressive in first bout, during which Lawson was issued three standing-eight counts . . . Boxed far better than expected against the intimidating Savon, who, having lost nine bouts in 12 years, was considered a lock for a gold medal . . . Led 4-1 after one round, and 7-1 midway through the second, before the Cuban began landing his big right hand . . . Took a standing-eight with 45 seconds to go, at which point Savon took the lead.

Gold Medal Winner: Felix Savon (Cuba)

Light Heavyweight:
MONTELL GRIFFIN

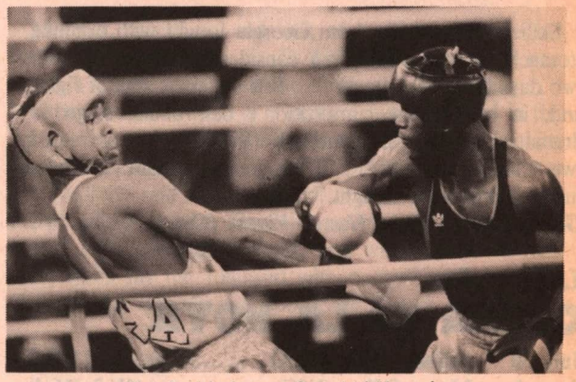
July 29 France Mabiletsa (BOT)..... W 3 (10-4)
July 31 Ko Ya Da (SK)..... W 3 (16-1)
Aug. 4 Torsten May (GER)..... L 3 (6-4)

The stocky 178-pounder easily won his first two bouts, then was victimized in one of the most controversial bouts of the competition . . . Facing 6'4" world champion May, he opened a cut over the southpaw's right eye in the third round . . . May was examined by the ringside physician and, though bleeding heavily, was allowed to continue . . . Trailing 4-3 with a minute to go, May leapfrogged to a 6-4 lead when Griffin was penalized after his second warning for ducking (boxing with your head in front of your hands) . . . May fought on and won the gold medal while boxing with a heavy and mysterious black substance protecting his cut.

Gold Medal Winner: Torsten May (Germany)

Middleweight:
CHRIS BYRD

July 28 Mark Edwards (GB) ..... W 3 (21-3)
July 31 Alexandre Lebziak (CIS) ..... W 3 (16-7)



Chris Byrd backs away from Ariel Hernandez

Aug. 3 Ahmed Dine (ALG)..... W 3 (21-2)
Aug. 6 Chris Johnson (CAN)..... W 3 (17-3)
Aug. 8 Ariel Hernandez (CUBA) ..... L 3 (12-7)

(Wins silver medal)

The son of head coach Joe Byrd used a style that allowed the judges to easily recognize his punches . . . Southpaw repeatedly dropped his hands and retreated to the ropes, where he countered with long, straight blows . . . Advanced to the medal round by dominating close friend and familiar rival Johnson . . . Couldn't match Hernandez in the finals; the Cuban outByrded Byrd by dancing and jabbing. "I never fought anybody who moved so much," he complained.

Gold Medal Winner: Ariel Hernandez (Cuba)

Light Middleweight:

RAUL MARQUEZ

July 27	David Defiagbon (NIG)	W 3 (8-7)
Aug. 2	Rival Cadeau (SEY)	W 3 (20-3)
Aug. 4	Orhan Delibas (NETH)	L 3 (16-12)

Among the USA's biggest disappointments . . . Snuck by the 6'4" Defiagbon in the first round, but powerful bodypunching style cost him against Delibas . . . Was even after two rounds, but absorbed a handful of right hands in the third . . . "I'm heartbroken," he said, "because I came away without a medal." Figures to make a solid, exciting pro.

Gold Medal Winner: Juan Lemus (Cuba)

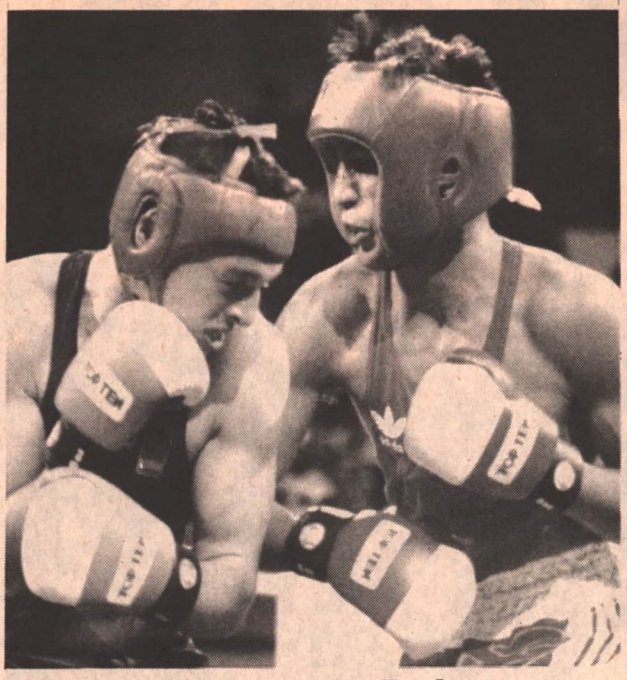
Welterweight:

PEPE REILLY

July 26	Victor Baute (SPA)	KO 3
Aug. 1	Vitalijus Karpaciauskas (LITH)	L 3 (16-5)

Tough 5'6" Californian hit hard against Baute, who took standing counts in all three rounds . . . Suffered swelling over left eye in that bout . . . Was frustrated in sloppy contest vs. 26-year-old Karpaciauskas; two penalties added six points to Lithuanian's total . . . No medal was no surprise.

Gold Medal Winner: Michael Carruth (Ireland)



Pepe Reilly follows through vs. Victor Baute

Light Welterweight:

VERNON FORREST

July 30	Peter Richardson (GB)	L 3 (14-8)

Skilled 139-pounder from Georgia fought with draining stomach virus (Coach Byrd considered pulling him out two days before the bout) . . . Felt better on day of fight, and, in one of the competition's best bouts, staged a dramatic third-round comeback (Richardson was issued two standing counts) . . . "I felt great," he said. "He was just a better man tonight."

Gold Medal Winner: Hector Vinent (Cuba)

Lightweight:

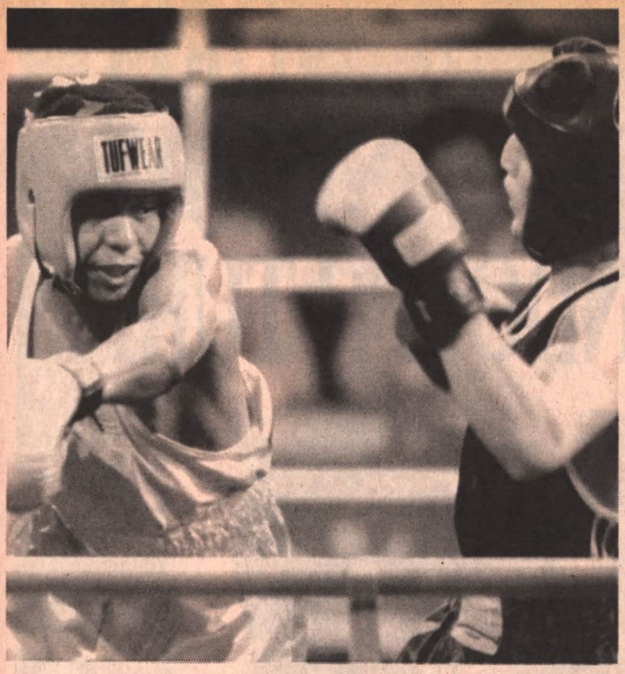
OSCAR DE LA HOYA

July 30	Adilson Silva (BRA)	KO 3
Aug. 1	Moses Odion (NIG)	W 3 (16-4)
Aug. 3	Tontcho Tontchev (BUL)	W 3 (16-7)
Aug. 6	Sung Sik Hong (SK)	W 3 (11-10)
Aug. 8	Marco Rudolph (GER)	W 3 (7-2)

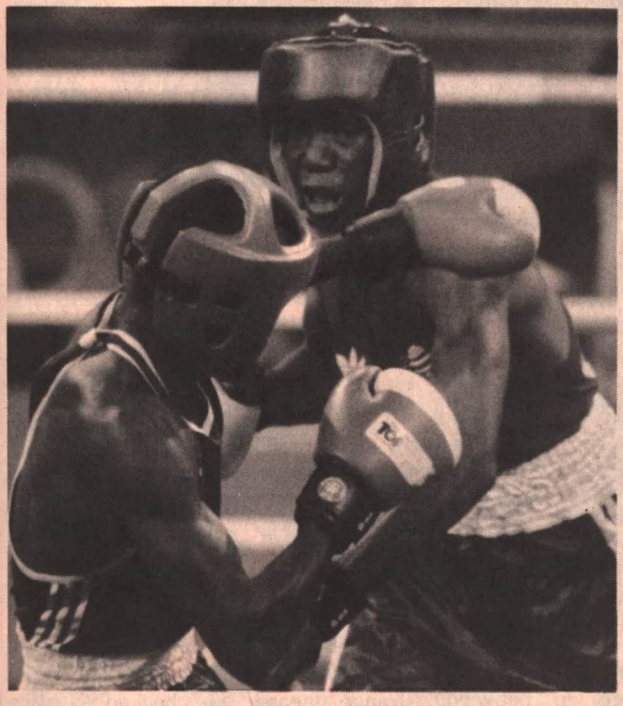
Perhaps the most celebrated of the U.S. boxers was the team's lone gold medalist . . . Kept his promise of winning for his late mother . . . But he hardly breezed through the 132-pound field . . . Was tied after two rounds vs. Tontchev, and, against Hong, saw an 11-7 lead shrink to 11-10 when he was penalized for holding in the last minute of the bout . . . Gained revenge in the gold medal match; in the 1991 world championships, Rudolph had beaten him . . . Dropped the German with a left hook in the third round . . . "I really didn't throw it with a lot of power," he said. "If I had, I don't think he would've gotten up" . . . Will be a highly touted pro.

Gold Medal Winner: Oscar De La Hoya (USA)

Oscar De La Hoya tops Marco Rudolph



Julian Wheeler guns for Ramazi Paliani



Tim Austin attacks against Benjamin Mwangata

Featherweight:

JULIAN WHEELER

July 29 Ramazi Paliani (CIS) ..... L 3 (8-4)

Was the first American to be eliminated . . . Went out quietly, somewhat justifying the criticism of those who thought Philadelphia's Ivan Robinson should have been the 125-pound representative . . . Simply forgot to punch against Paliani . . . "I had big hopes for Julian," said coach Byrd, "but it seemed like he just froze."

Gold Medal Winner: Andreas Tews (Germany)

Bantamweight:

SERGIO REYES

July 28 Harold Ramirez (PR) ..... W 3 (10-1)
Aug. 1 Li Gwang Sik (NK) ..... L 3 (15-8)

The rugged Marine from Texas charged right through Ramirez, who scored his only point in the first round . . . Was outclassed, however, by Sik, who was both quicker and stronger . . . "I wanted to use my one-two more," he said, "but he took it away from me."

Gold Medal Winner: Joel Casamayor (Cuba)

Flyweight:

TIM AUSTIN

July 27 Bye
Aug. 2 Julian Strogov (BUL) ..... W 3 (19-7)
Aug. 4 Benjamin Mwangata (TAN) ..... W 3 (19-8)
Aug. 7 Raul Gonzalez (CUBA) ..... KO by 1
(Wins bronze medal)

Mobility, quickness, and luck of the draw served Cincinnati southpaw well . . . Outboxed Strogov, who was issued a standing count in the third, and Mwangata . . . Luck ran out, however, vs. Gonzalez; was thumbed in the first round, and when he turned away, the Cuban hit him on the back of the head . . . "I couldn't see out of my left eye," he said . . . After the referee commanded the 112-pounders to box, Gonzalez struck with a right . . . Austin took a standing count, and was rescued seconds later, when his foe followed with a combination.

Gold Medal Winner: Su Choi Chol (North Korea)

Light Flyweight:

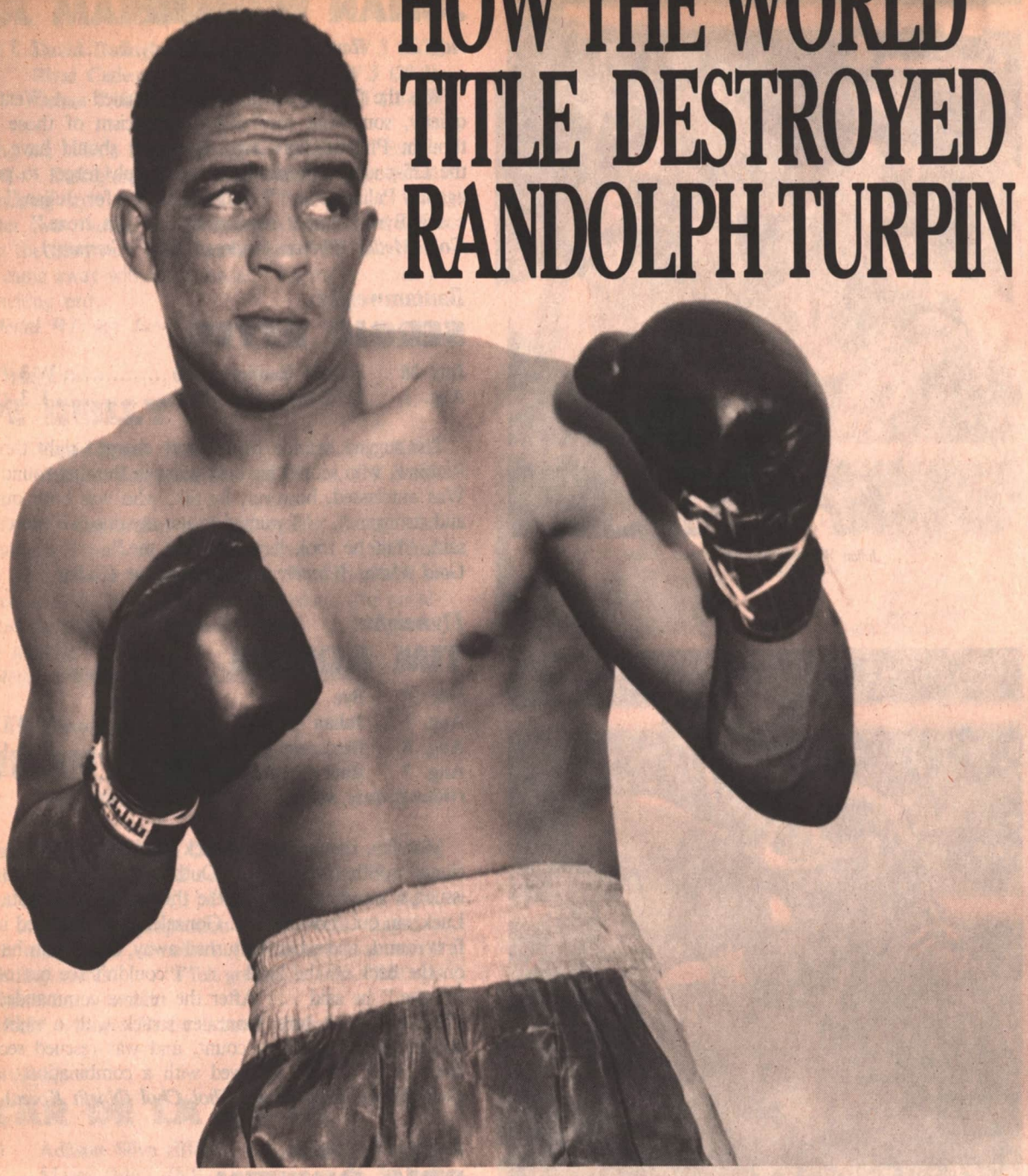
ERIC GRIFFIN

July 26 Fausto Mercedes (DR) ..... W 3 (14-2)
Aug. 1 Rafael Lozano (SPA) ..... L 3 (6-5)

The *cause celebre* of the team, like Evander Holyfield in 1984 and Roy Jones in 1988 . . . Team captain was considered USA's best bet for a gold medal . . . 106-pound southpaw breezed through Mercedes, then stumbled . . . Clearly outboxed Lozano, but was denied victory . . . Individually, the judges all scored for Griffin (scores of 8-5, 26-17, 19-10, 18-9, and 10-9) . . . One of them, Ghana's Keith Dadzie, had been suspended earlier in the competition for scoring two bouts 0-0 . . . U.S. team's appeal was rejected by the International Amateur Boxing Association . . . "I think the judges have something against the American team," said Griffin.

Gold Medal Winner: Rogelio Marcelo (Cuba) ■

HOW THE WORLD TITLE DESTROYED RANDOLPH TURPIN



By Patrick Myler

Gwen Turpin didn't notice anything unusual about her husband's mood that morning. While she had busied herself around the run-down cafe they ran in the English midlands town of Leamington Spa, Randolph had spent most of the morning writing a letter.

She presumed he was writing to his mother, who was on vacation at Woking, in Surrey. Little did she realize that what her depressed spouse was scribbling was a suicide note.

Gwen served a couple of truck drivers their usual order of tea and toast and told them, in reply to their polite query, that Randolph was "just fine."

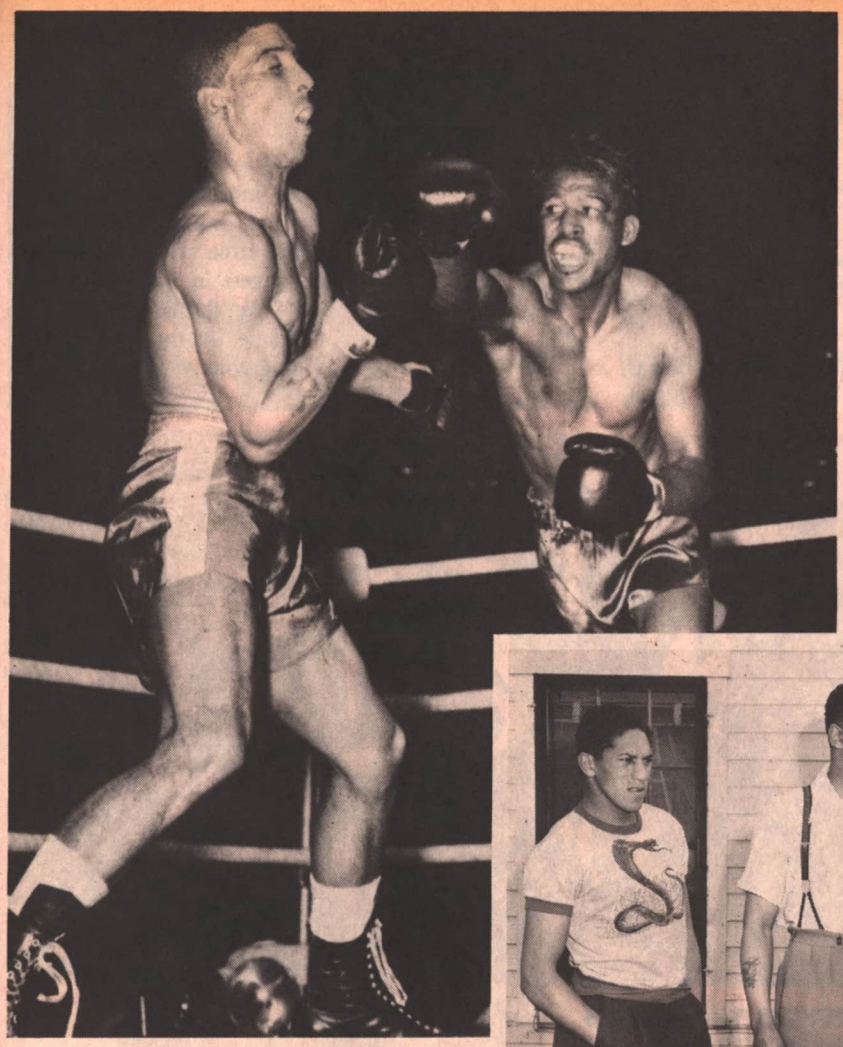
Turpin would often enjoy a chat with regular customers in between cooking mixed grills in the back kitchen, but they knew better than to talk about boxing, in particular about his own career. To Randolph, that was a closed book. There were the glad memories, to be sure, but they were clouded by too many bitter episodes in what should have been a more rewarding fighting life.

Randolph kissed his daughters Gwyneth and Annette goodbye as they left for school after lunch, calling them back to repeat his warning: "Always watch how you cross the roads."

Around 2:30 on that afternoon of May 17, 1966, Mrs. Turpin felt a strange unease. She checked to make sure that another of her girls, Charmaine, who was home from school with a heavy cold, was asleep in bed, then climbed to the attic bedroom to be met with a shocking scene.

The youngest of their four daughters, 17-month-old Carmen, was sitting on the bed crying, her face covered in blood. Randolph was slumped alongside the bed. Gwen screamed: "What have you done to her?" She then picked up her badly injured child and ran all the way to the local hospital.

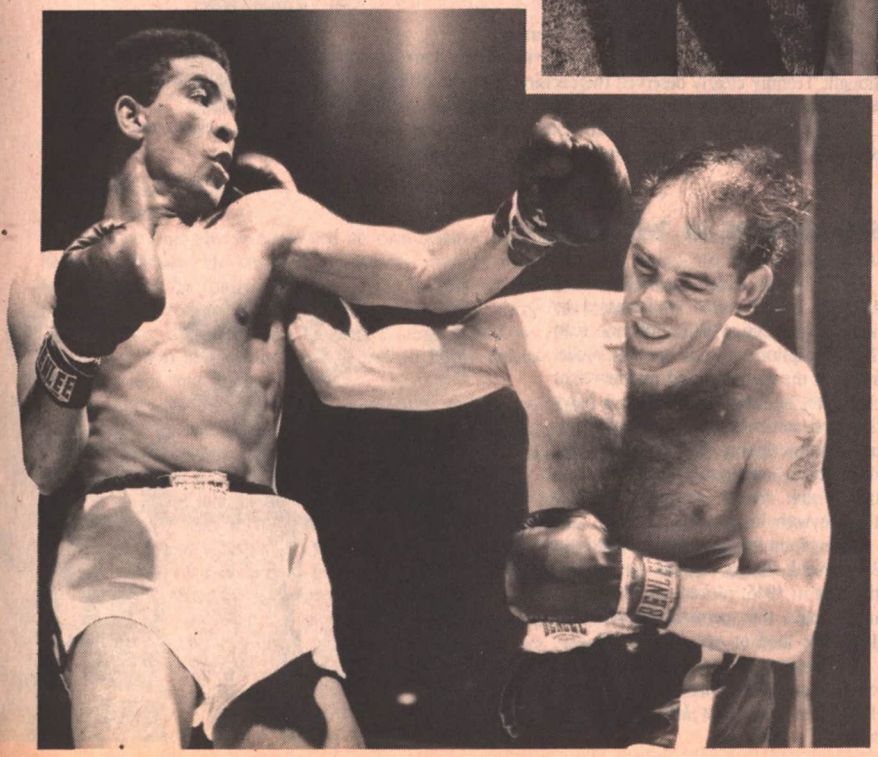
It was only when she arrived home



In his first bout vs. Sugar Ray Robinson, Turpin took the champion's best, then took the middleweight title.

The fighting Turpin brothers. The photo was taken in September 1951, when Randolph, second from the right, was training for his rematch with Robinson.

After Robinson's retirement, Turpin was expected to capture the vacant crown. But he was ill-prepared for his showdown with Bobo Olson, and suffered a unanimous decision loss.



that she learned that her 38-year-old husband was dead from a gunshot. On the bedroom door had been pinned a letter—the suicide message he had been writing that morning.

Young Carmen miraculously survived. She had been shot twice, one bullet lodging near her brain and the other piercing her lung after narrowly missing her heart. She recovered sufficiently to return home 18 days after the tragedy. It was never discovered why the former world middleweight champion had tried to take his daughter's life along with his own. It was suggested that Carmen was not really

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Time Capsules

By Stanley Weston

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IN THE CAN

(June 6, 1926)

Gene Tunney, the leading contender for Jack Dempsey's world heavyweight crown, arrives at New York's Grand Central Station after a transcontinental train ride from Hollywood, California.

The interesting aspect of this picture is Tunney's clumsy attempt to promote his just completed movie, *The Fighting Marine,* a rush print of which he holds in front of him as he tries to entice the lone photographer—from the *New York Journal*—who greeted him.

Can you imagine if had it been Ali, Holmes, Frazier, or even Leon Spinks, in that situation? But then again, had it been any of those masters of hype, there surely would have been a helluva lot more than just one picture-taker at Grand Central Station to greet them.

BEHIND THE SCENES

(January 8, 1938)

In what had been the ladies powder room at New York's famous Hippodrome before promoter Mike Jacobs made it his headquarters, Tommy Farr and Jimmy Braddock (second and third from right) held a press conference two weeks before their scheduled fight at Madison Square Garden.

The 32-plus-year-old "Cinderella Jim," who had lost the heavyweight crown to Joe Louis seven months earlier, praised Farr for the gallant fight he had put up against Louis. "I thought you beat Joe going away," Jim told Tommy.

"I did, too," replied the tough Welshman.

Likewise, just about everybody who viewed the Farr-Braddock fight on January 21, 1938, thought Tommy clearly deserved the decision. But the officials thought otherwise, and Braddock's hand was raised in victory. It was Jim's last fight.

Getting back to this unique photo: Did you notice that Braddock is holding a cigar, and Farr a cigarette? How do you think that would go over today?

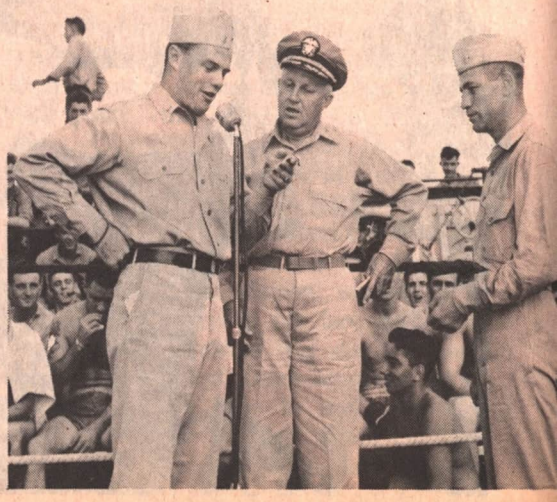
SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC

(April 20, 1944)

U.S. Navy Chief Specialist Fred Apostoli (right) seems embarrassed as he listens to Ensign W.J. Johnson read the inscription on a special medal awarded the former world middleweight champion by *The Ring* aboard a Navy destroyer somewhere in the Pacific. After the inscription was heard by the ship's crew, commanding officer Captain Frank Beatty (center) presented Freddie with his award.

After four years of active duty, the 33-year-old former champ returned to the ring in 1946, racked up 13 victories in 15 bouts, then permanently retired in 1948. He died at age 60 in 1973.

Fred Apostoli's epitaph was inscribed on that medal he had received aboard ship: "A Credit To His Country. A Credit To Boxing."



PERFECT FIT

(February 2, 1981)

At a charity gala for retarded children in New York, 85-year-old former heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey and 39-year-old former champion Muhammad Ali hammed it up to the delight of the crowd. Dempsey, although confined to a wheelchair, whipped his mighty right fist up and tapped Ali's chin. "A perfect fit," crowed the old "Manassa Mauler," whose head looked like that of a lion. Ali played straight man the same way hundreds of other champions and former champions had done in exactly the same situation; he rubbed his jaw, grinned, and exclaimed, "Man, I'm glad you weren't around when I was champ." And just like all those before him, he meant it.

SIGN HERE

(July 1987)

When devoted boxing fan Sylvester Stallone visited Sydney, Australia, to hype his new *Rocky* flick, he wanted to see for himself what that young local tiger Jeff Fenech was all about.

"I've been hearing a lot about this Fenech," Sly told swarming reporters soon after his plane touched down at the Sydney airport. "Can I get to see him?"

Stallone was tremendously impressed as he watched Fenech working out. Fenech was, of course, equally flattered by the American movie star's interest in him.

"Will you give me your autograph?" Jeff asked Sly.

"On one condition," said America's living legend.

"What's that?"

"That you give me your autograph."

"It's a deal," crowed Fenech.

And that's what this picture is all about.

JAKE, YA DONE GOOD

(June 27, 1951)

The first guy to break into Jake LaMotta's dressing room after the former middleweight champ had been stopped by "Belting" Bob Murphy was Jake's boyhood pal, that other native New York Italian street kid and, like LaMotta, a former middleweight champion of the world, Rocky Graziano.

"Ya done good, Jake," gushed Rocky, as he wrapped his arm around LaMotta's broad shoulder and planted a kiss on Jake's right cheek.

"The hell I did!" Jake roared. "I lost!"

Not being a rocket scientist, all old pal Rocky could muster was a meek, "Yeah, Jake, but you gave it all you had."

Of that there was no doubt. In the old LaMotta tradition, "The Bronx Bull" surely had given it all he had.

IMPORTED BEEF

(May 20, 1936)

Max Schmeling always controlled his own destiny. And when it came to physical conditioning, he was a fanatic. He designed his training routines with the same intense detail that a great architect plans his masterpiece. Of course he patiently listened to the advice and ideas of his managers and trainers. But the final decisions were always his own.

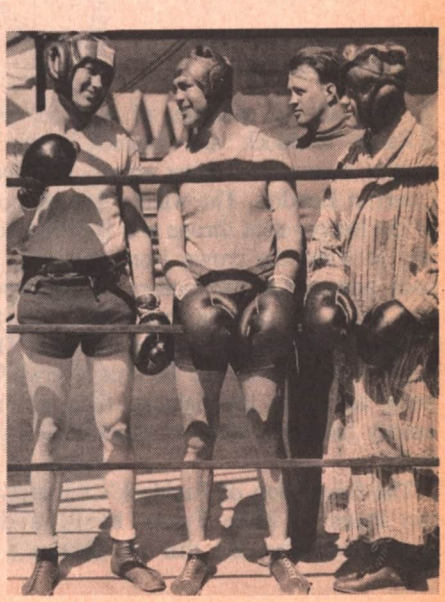
When Max signed to fight undefeated terror Joe Louis in 1936, he intrigued the world by announcing that he had discovered a flaw in Louis' defense, and that he was sure he could not only beat him, but knock Joe out.

Schmeling's astonishing revelation was not to generate publicity, but rather a statement of fact. In his heart, he was certain he could wreck "The Brown Bomber."

There was, however, one big problem. It was essential that Max have the perfect sparring partners on which to hone to perfection his battle plan. He would train in America; certainly there was an abundant supply of highly qualified sparring partners available there. But it was the language barrier that worried Schmeling. There could be not the slightest margin for error when he instructed them what to do. No, it was too risky. The former heavyweight champion decided the only solution was to import people he had worked with before, who understood his demands and, most important of all, whose native tongue was German.

This picture was taken the day Schmeling started training for his great adventure with the dreaded Louis. The site was a lazy little village in upstate New York called Napanoch.

(Left to right) Stanley Ketchell, no relation to the great middleweight of old, and the only American in camp, Schmeling, and the brothers Wallace and Hans Kohlhaus, Max's two old cronies from Hamburg, Germany, who not only understood the language, but also knew how to follow orders, which is all Max asked of them.



The Fight For The Right

A PREVIEW OF THE RUDDOCK-LEWIS SHOWDOWN

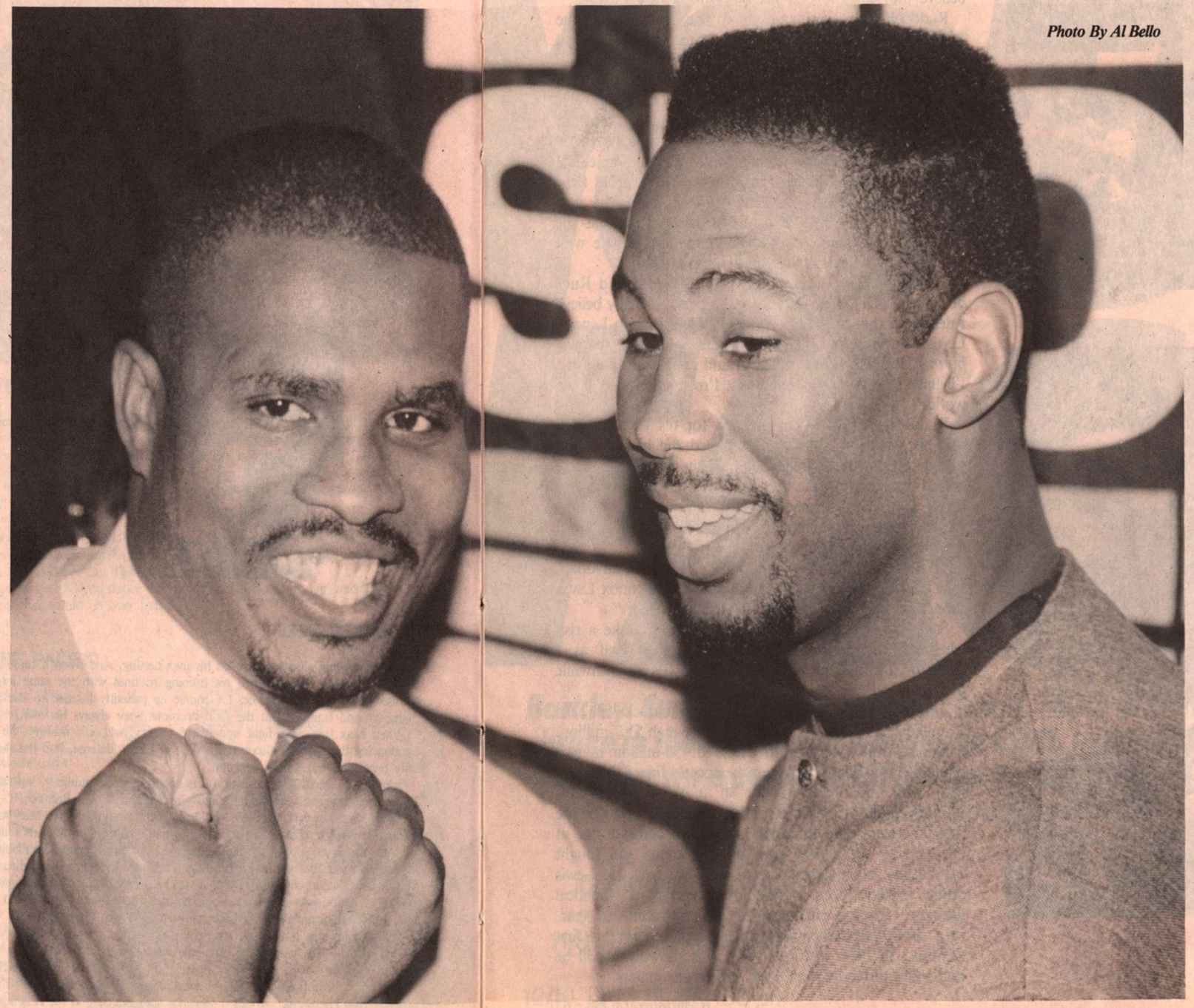


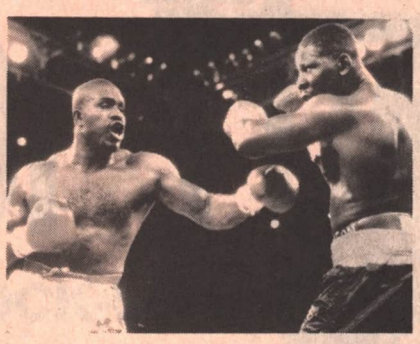
Photo By Al Bello

By Robert Cassidy

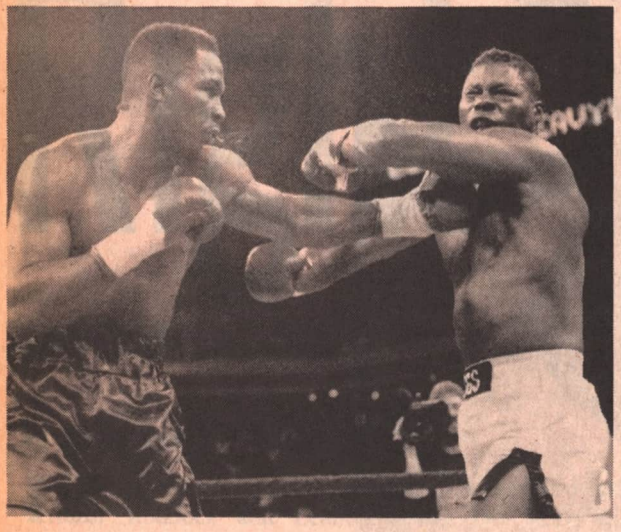
It has all the makings of a good, old-fashioned joust. Razor Ruddock and Lennox Lewis, two heavyweight knights minus the shining armor, will duel this fall at Earls Court in London. The winner gets escorted to the threshold of the heavyweight throne and is presented with the opportunity to wrest the crown from the king. The loser is thrust back among the commoners and common pugs. Ruddock and Lewis are proving that noble men still exist in boxing.

The promoters are calling this one "The Fight For The Right." But before we become overwhelmed with the risk being taken by the fighters, there is one question: What exactly have they done to deserve the right to fight for the right?

The foundation of Ruddock's notoriety has been built on two losses to Mike Tyson, hardly a disgrace, but losses nonetheless. The fact that he remains a heavyweight force



Much of Ruddock's reputation was built on his second bout vs. Mike Tyson (above). In June, The Razor took a risk by facing unbeaten Phil Jackson (right). He won in four rounds.



Primarily a boxer, Lewis has flaunted his skills against 1984 Olympics foe Tyrell Biggs (above) and club-fighter Levi Billups (right).

may be more an indication of the level attained by Tyson than Ruddock. However, Ruddock's victories, which are less significant than the twin losses to Tyson, are dynamic and captivating. And violent.

In the other corner is the London-born Lewis, whose 21 victories hardly measure up to Ruddock's tests of will against Tyson. As is the case with most British heavyweights, he is expected to fail; he comes into this fight a loser by association. But he also comes in as the last man to conquer top contender Riddick Bowe, stopping the American to win the super heavyweight gold medal at the 1988 Olympics. Since Seoul, promise and potential have been hovering at the surface of Lewis' game.

"These are two terrific fighters, two terrific warriors," said Dan Duva, the fight's promoter. "And they both believe they are the best heavyweights in the world."

Ruddock and Lewis are rated one and two by the WBC. Their October 31 showdown promises high drama and, come next year, a serious challenger for the title. And while the WBC has mandated this compelling 12-round elimination bout, it was initially in danger of getting cancelled. Ruddock felt he deserved the next crack at undisputed champion Evander Holyfield, and agreed to a Lewis fight only if the winner would get an immediate title shot. When Holyfield agreed to a November 13 fight against Bowe, it put Ruddock-Lewis in jeopardy. But Duva was finally able to assure Razor's camp that the Ruddock-Lewis winner would be guaranteed a date with the Bowe-Holyfield winner in the spring of '93.

"I'd rather be fighting Evander Holyfield," said Ruddock, who is a 2-1 favorite to beat Lewis. "I really believe I deserve a shot at the title without going through Lennox Lewis. But my back is against the wall. My *sparring partner*, Riddick Bowe, snuck in and got a title shot first. I'll have to prove once again that I'm number one in the world."

Ruddock should be commended for his willingness to risk his mandatory status. Considered the biggest threat outside of Bowe to unseat Holyfield, he could easily have waited for an automatic title fight. Yet he and Lewis have taken a kind of macho-philosophical approach to the showdown that will ultimately eliminate one of them from the heavyweight title fight picture.

"If I'm going to be a champion, I can't duck anyone," said Ruddock. "I'm going to have to fight Lennox Lewis sooner or later, so it might as well be sooner."

Said Lewis: "I feel every fight is a risk. I take a risk when I walk across the street. I look at myself as a gladiator. I'm not out to duck anybody. It's a worthwhile risk to take."

They will be paid well for the risk. Ruddock will earn $2-million, and Lewis will bank a career-high $1.7-million. Ruddock, who pocketed in excess of $8-million in two bouts against Tyson, becomes the sport's first $10-million man who has never fought in a world title fight.

This version of Halloween Havoc, though, won't be the first time Lewis and Ruddock have glared across a ring at one another. Both men grew up in Canada and fought each other as amateurs when Lewis was just 15. Lewis claims to have been on the losing end of a "political decision." They've also engaged in many rounds of sparring, particularly when Lewis was preparing for his first Olympics in 1984. Suffice to say, this showdown will be drastically different than their earlier encounters.

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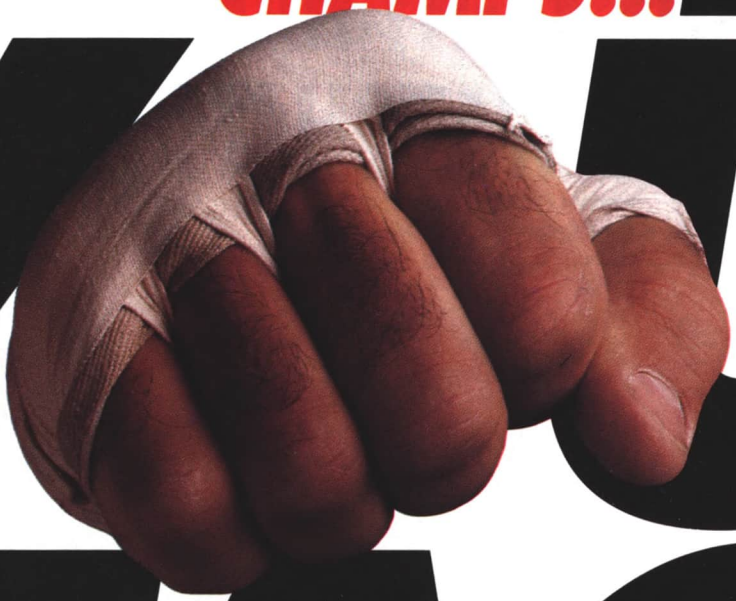

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MORRISON VS. FOREMAN

SHOULD THIS FIGHT HAPPEN? WILL YOU WATCH IT?

By Joseph C. Tintle

When George Foreman first heard the rumblings that he might be fighting Tommy Morrison, he and brother Roy probably discussed the bout at length while zinging baited hooks into a pond on Foreman's 200-acre farm in Marshall, Texas. Their conversation, between nibbles, might have gone something like this:

"Can you believe it? HBO is talking about paying me $7-million to face Morrison. Hey, nothing against the kid, but he's not even rated. And I'm coming off the bloodiest, ugliest fight of my career. Even *I* know this is a ridiculous match."

"Don't rock the boat, George. If someone thinks you're worth the money, take it."

"Boxing sure is different from years ago. These days you get big money for just being a big name. It doesn't matter who you fight. Like when HBO paid me $5-million to face Jimmy Ellis, then $5-million more for Alex Stewart. Man, I made only *$375,000* to fight Joe Frazier. Now *that* was a fight."

Then Big George, all 285 pounds of him, let out a laugh.

"Hey, Roy, you know the saying: 'You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time. But you can't fool all of the people all of the time.' "

"Yeah."

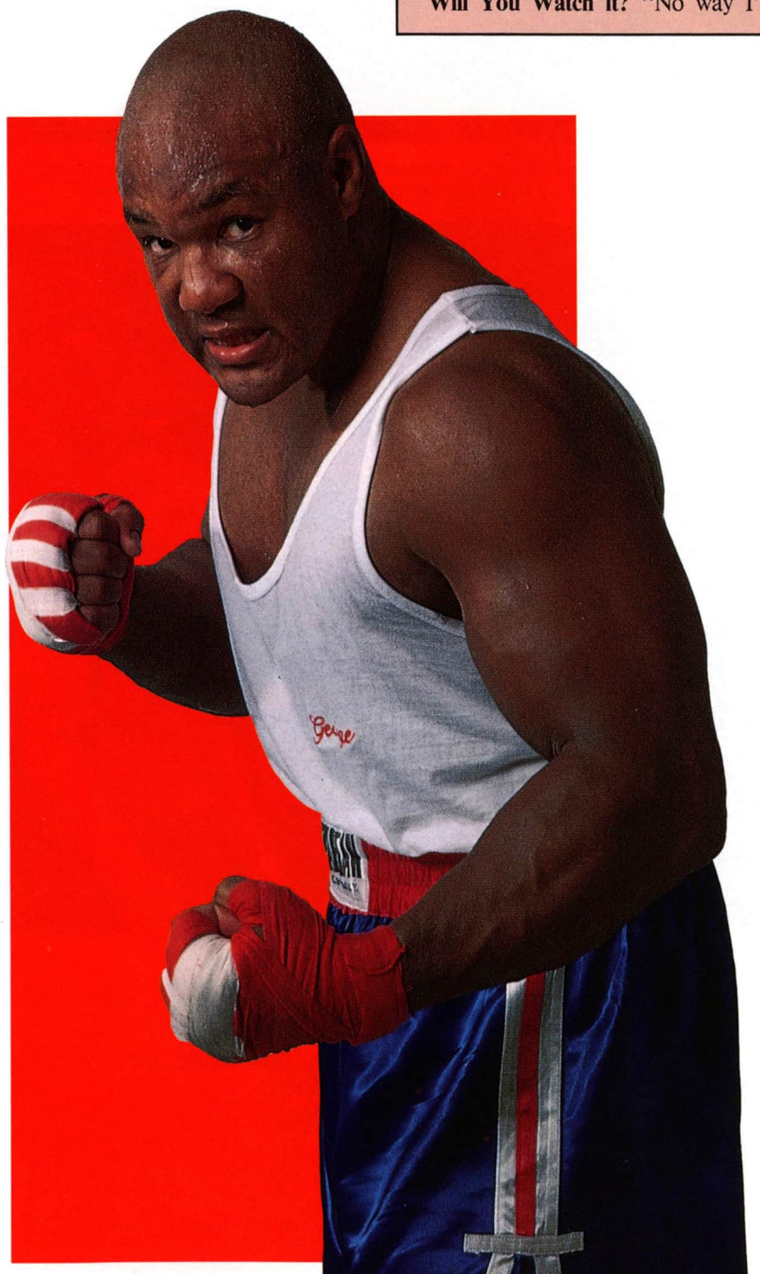
"Well, the way I figure it, in boxing you *can* fool all of the people *all* of the time."

Foreman probably plucked that line

Lawrence Durso, 75, Bradford, Massachusetts

Should This Fight Happen? "Absolutely not. What a farce! Foreman should've retired a long time ago. There had been a time when he was a helluva fighter. A terror. But he got zapped by Muhammad Ali because he got careless, then went on to become a sideshow when he fought five guys on one card. And look at him now. He's just a big barrel with long arms. A joke. And as for Morrison, he seems to be a nice kid. He's rugged and everything, but he just doesn't have that finesse to make it as a champion. And these guys might get $5- to $7-million for this fight? Jeeesus, God almighty."

Will You Watch it? "No way I'm paying to see *them*."



from Bob Arum's *Big Book Of Fight Promotion*. Remember in June, when the promoter tried to convince us that we just *had* to see a fight between Foreman and Larry Holmes?

Happily, Arum has since scratched the idea—or at least we hope he has. But now he's aflutter over the possibility of Foreman-Morrison, a fight that could be billed as *The Has-Been vs. The Never-Will-Be.*

Foreman and Arum undoubtedly want this match so they can add to their already burgeoning coffers. Morrison wants the millions, too, but he realizes that a victory would dramatically further his career.

But should this fight happen? We posed that question to several *Ring* subscribers and followed up by asking if they were going to watch it. Their responses are scattered over the next few pages. For the record, our answer is no to part one and yes to part two. Here's why:

In April, Foreman earned a majority decision over Alex Stewart and came away with a face so torn and bloodied that it resembled the battlefield in *The Red Badge Of Courage.* He should have done what Sugar Ray Leonard did after his loss to Terry Norris: grab the ring microphone, thank the people for their support, and announce his retirement.

In fact, Big George has been finished for more than a year now. But he refuses to acknowledge it. Greed may have something to do with it. This self-annointed preacher has made $22-million over the last 2½ years, and should have returned home by now

Katherine Dunn, 46, Portland, Oregon

Should This Fight Happen? "It probably shouldn't. I was aggrieved to see the damage George took in his bout with Alex Stewart. That wasn't boxing. But George did survive merrily, and I'm grateful for that. But against Morrison, he would be glacially slow. Morrison has picked up his speed lately, and he just might stop George."

Will You Watch It? "I have to admit I probably will. Two big punchers going at it is very attractive."

and assumed the role of full-time husband and father, a promise that he has repeatedly made to his wife, Joan. But every time the big bucks beckon, the punching preacher goes back on his word.

As for Morrison, he'd like nothing better than to show fight fans that he belongs atop the heavyweight division. He believes an impressive knockout of Foreman, who is 71-3 (66), would make people forget what Ray Mercer did to him; in October 1991, Mercer muscled "The Duke" into a corner and landed 14 brutal and unanswered blows before Morrison slipped into unconsciousness.

Morrison, however, does not deserve such a break. Since he was felled by Mercer, comeback wins over Bobby Quarry, Wimpy Halstead, Kimmuel Odum, Art Tucker, and Joe Hipp have hardly earned him the multi-million-dollar purse he most likely would receive.

If he beats Foreman, and particularly if he knocks him out, he could very well crack the top 10.

"This fight could be my shortcut to a title shot in '93," said Morrison, who is 33-1 (29).

Don't laugh. Listen to the words of Emanuel Steward, who trains and manages heavyweight contender Michael Moorer.

"As long as you have a big name in boxing, you get the breaks," he said. "And if you beat a marquee name like George, you get the big break. That's the way the sport works today. It's sad but true."

Glenn Leslie, 36, Fresh Meadows, New York

Should This Fight Happen? "In my opinion, this scenario of a 43-year-old still competing is bad for boxing. Boxing needs to win over the average fan, not just the everyday boxing enthusiast. But the average fan takes a look at an out-of-shape old man like Foreman going 12 rounds with Evander Holyfield and right away thinks *wrestling*. And my friends keep asking me if boxing is fixed. They wouldn't if they saw better fights, but Foreman-Morrison isn't the one. Morrison, I think, should be building a foundation against guys like Bruce Seldon and Oliver McCall. Fight some of those cats, then point to a title shot. But taking on Foreman . . . well, that's ridiculous."

Will You Watch It? "I'll probably buy the fight out of curiosity, but I won't watch it with any sense of enthusiasm."

In the first couple of rounds of his October 1991 crossroads bout vs. Ray Mercer, Tommy Morrison pummeled his foe (above). But in the fifth, he sat helplessly on the ropes as Mercer brutally finished him (below).

Joseph Catena, 23, Cranford, New Jersey

Should This Fight Happen? "Certainly, at least from an entertainment point of view. It's a chance for us to see what Morrison is made of, how far he's come since Mercer beat him. This is a real crossroads fight for both fighters. That alone makes it an attractive fight. And if Morrison stops Foreman, it will further interest in Tommy, because Holyfield and Stewart were not able to stop Big George."

Will You Watch It? "Oh, yeah, and I'll have the usual 12 guys sitting around watching, too."

While Foreman-Morrison does not promise as much as a trace of artistic merit, there's no question it would attract a decent viewership; fight fans have traditionally enjoyed two big punchers squaring off.

"People like violence," Morrison said. "And while they like to talk it down, they're always the ones who pay to see it. I'm an exciting fighter; so is George. And together we're going to give people what they want: bruising action, and maybe some blood along the way."

The drama of the bout would be heightened by the fact that it represents a crossroads: If Foreman gets kayoed, he'll be completely unmarketable. If Morrison loses, he'll be young enough at 23 to keep fighting, but without the big paydays.

Not only would Foreman-Morrison appeal to people's craving for violence, but it would also attract fans who yearn for a white heavyweight champion.

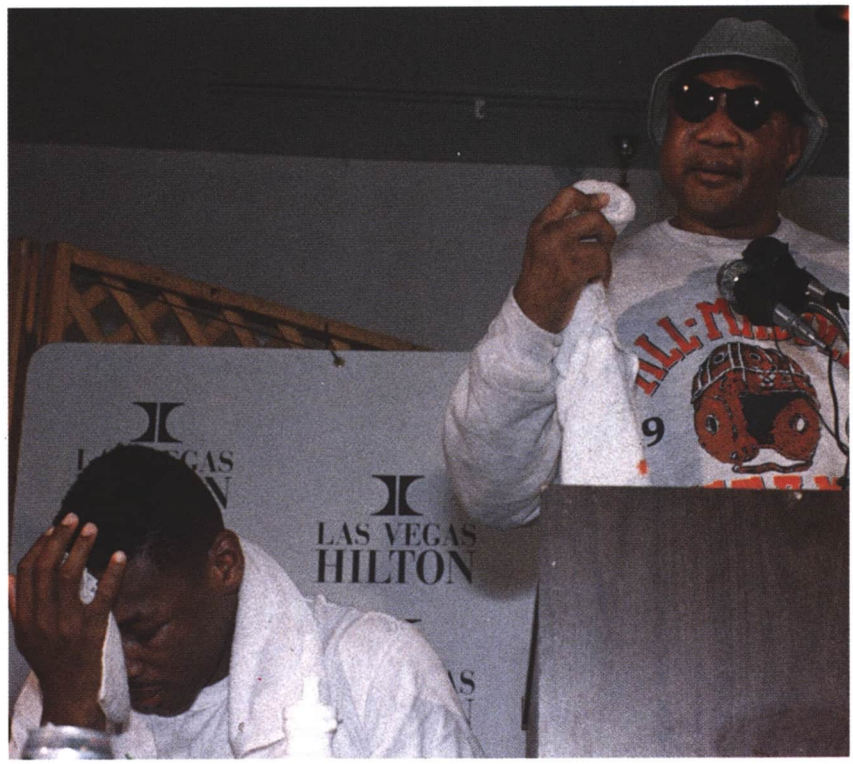
"I think that element would indeed add to the excitement," Morrison said. "Though I've never been one who sees himself as a White Hope, I'm sure there are people who want a white champion, because the division has been dominated by blacks for such a long time. Personally, though, I'd like to think that most people will be interested in watching two tough guys punch it out. That's what makes this a fun fight."

Like it or not. ■

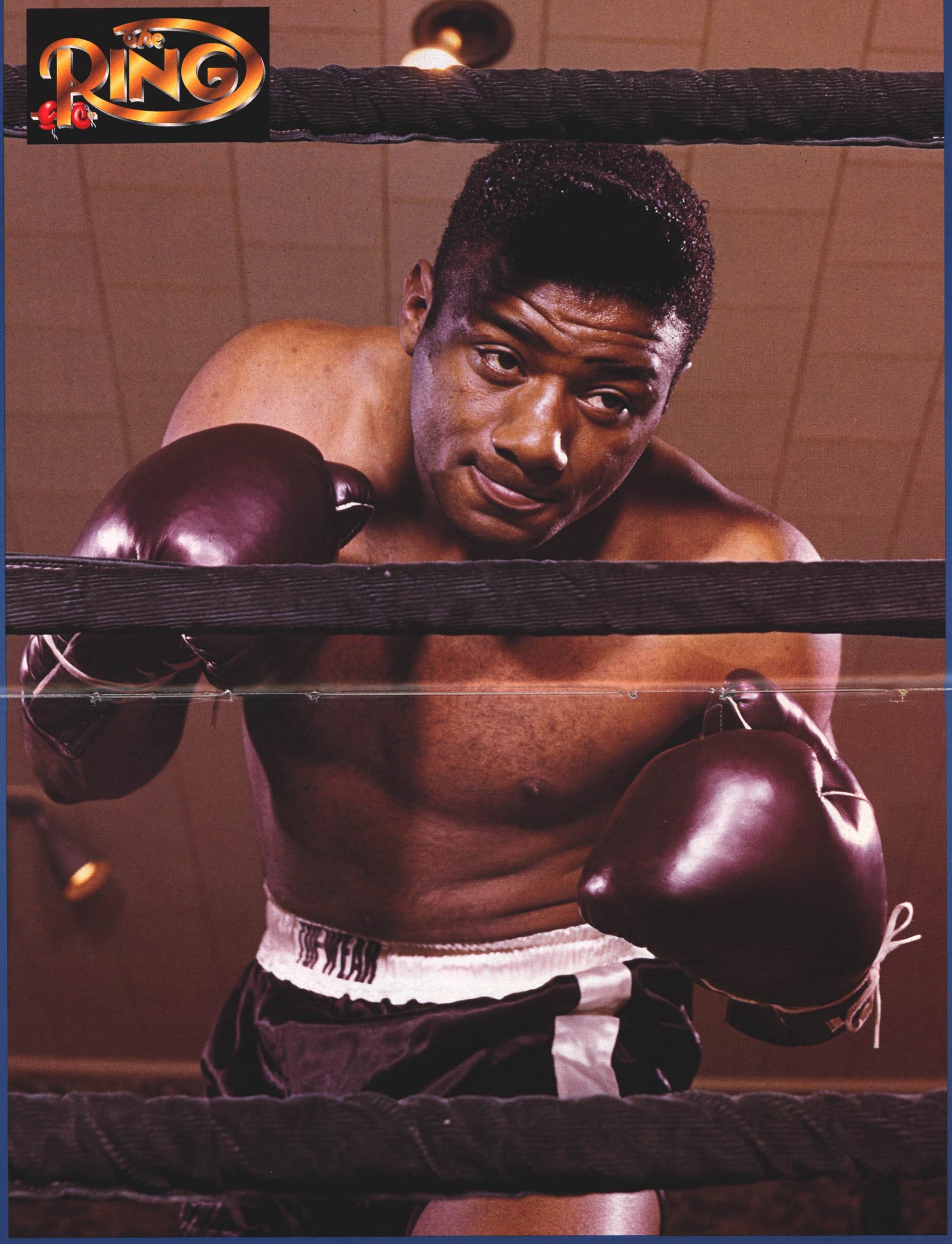
Gene Borowitz, 72, Mesa, Arizona

Should This Fight Happen? "This fight is a joke. All it is is Foreman out to get money. C'mon, let's get some good young fighters on TV and give them a chance. I've been watching boxing for 55 years, from amateur to pro bouts, and I've seen all the great fighters in action: Joe Louis, Sugar Ray Robinson, and Rocky Marciano. Now they're talking about giving me Foreman-Morrison!"

Will You Watch It? "I wouldn't pay $5 to see this fight. Put Morrison in there with Michael Moorer, or some other young guy. Then you'll interest me. But Foreman, sorry. Hey, I like George Foreman, but he just shouldn't be fighting anymore."



When Foreman floored Alex Stewart in the second round of their rumble in April (above), he seemed en route to an easy victory. But the bout went the 10-round distance, and afterward, both heavyweights were battered (below).



FLOYD PATTERSON

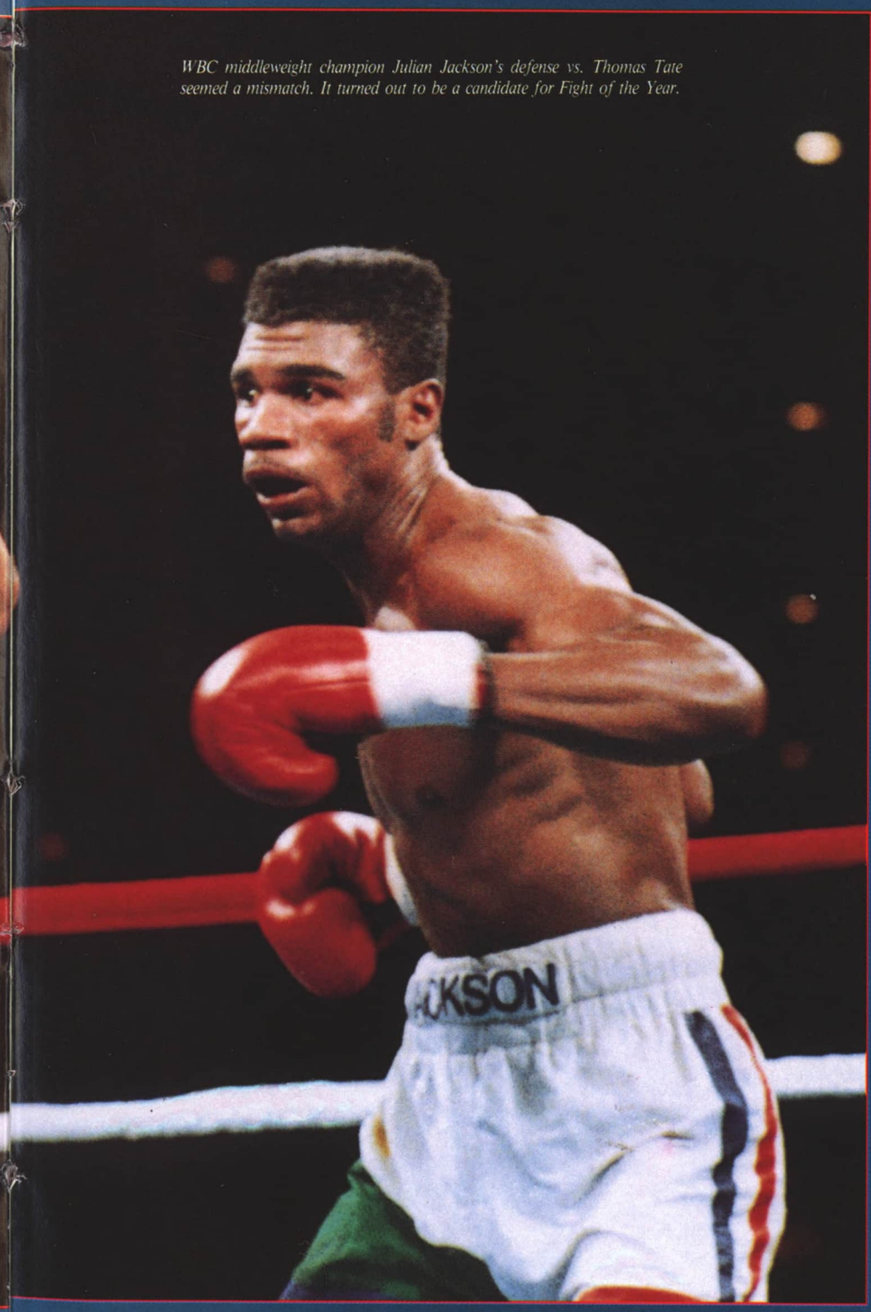
Heavyweight Champion Of The World
Title Reigns: 1956-1959; 1960-1962

JULIAN JACKSON'S *BIG SCARE*

An Unknown Challenger Gives Hope To The Middleweights

By Steve Farhood

Photo By David Lee Waite



WBC middleweight champion Julian Jackson's defense vs. Thomas Tate seemed a mismatch. It turned out to be a candidate for Fight of the Year.

Winning might not be the only thing, but as far as things go, it's right up there. When you're a world champion, however, *how* you win is almost as important as *that* you win. There's winning big, which can be bad. There's winning ugly, which can be good. And there's losing for winning, which is what Evander Holyfield keeps doing.

Winning big hasn't been working for Julian Jackson. Since capturing the vacant WBC middleweight title in November 1990, he's made four defenses. The first three were bang-'em-out kayos over ordinary opposition (Dennis Milton, Ismael Negron, and Ron Collins). The bouts helped strengthen Jackson's reputation as boxing's biggest puncher, but they failed to sufficiently strengthen his bank account. In fact, on all three of the cards, Jackson was a supporting player, twice to Julio Cesar Chavez, and once to Razor Ruddock. When you're part of Don King's stable, you often have to check your ego at the door.

Jackson can't understand why, as a two-division world champion and one of his generation's few inspired kayo artists, he's not worth one million, or at least half-a-million, dollars per fight. It's bad enough that last December, IBF champion James Toney and former titlist Mike McCallum shared almost $1-million. (The middleweights struggled to a draw. As we went to press, they were scheduled for an August 29 rematch.) But what really irks "The Hawk" is that Terry Norris, a Jackson kayo victim in 1989, has become a million-dollar fighter.

King claims that Toney, McCallum, and Norris don't want to fight Jackson. That's a simplistic explanation, of course, but there may be something to it. While the fighters surely aren't scared of The Hawk—the bold and confrontational Toney would welcome a rumble with *anyone*, and McCallum has already knocked Jackson out—their respective braintrusts might be quicker to reach for the phone should Jackson suddenly seem vulnerable. Which is why for Jackson, winning ugly is better than winning big.

In preparing for his August date with Houston's Thomas Tate, Jackson wasn't planning to win ugly—a puncher always believes his next hook will be the stuff of highlight films. Nonetheless, his timing couldn't have been better.

Jackson-Tate came on a Las Vegas Hilton card that featured Chavez and Hector Camacho in separate bouts. The middleweight title fight was tossed in for balance so that the show didn't play like shameless hype for the Chavez-Camacho fight, which was scheduled for September 12. The champion earned $200,000, almost as much as Chavez made for defending the WBC 140-pound crown against Frankie Mitchell. Chavez, however, was anticipating a $2-

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Photos By Al Bello

CAN AL "ICE" COLE LIFT THE CRUISERS OUT OF THE DEEP FREEZE?

By Jeff Ryan

The Ice Man cometh. Finally! An hour and 15 minutes late for his appointment, Al "Ice" Cole arrives at the Triple Threat Gym, an immaculate facility on the third floor of an abandoned Ballantine brewery in the Ironbound section of Newark, New Jersey. And to the relief of everyone there, he is in one six-foot, four-inch piece. Cole must have been what the auto industry envisioned when it invented no-fault insurance and airbags. The IBF cruiserweight king says he wants to drive to the *heavyweight* title. Some people think he's crazy. Others who have ridden with him say it's got to be one of the safer drives he's ever taken.

Cole has been responsible for more body work than Jane Fonda's exercise videos. The Ice capades have included his crashing everything but his own victory party. Other times, his car has been a magnet attracting the worst of his fellow motorists.

His Acura Legend once made seven trips to the body shop in a single year, though Cole is quick to point out that it was hit four times while parked. He's been dented by an 85-year-old lady, has made a U-turn right smack into someone else, and has had a U-turn made right smack into him. Once, he was rubber-necking and plowed into the car in front of him. Then there was the rent-a-car he totalled when he skidded on some gravel in Texas last December, an accident that left him with a broken shoulder blade, bruised lung, and bloodied nose.

"I was going a bit fast," Cole admits, "and a tree walked right out into the middle of the road."

How fast?

He hesitates for an instant. "About 95."

No drill sergeant of a trainer will ever tell Cole, "It's my way or the highway." Not if the trainer has to drive that same highway home.

The 28-year-old Cole is perpetually upbeat these days. He jokes constantly, makes up silly songs, and warbles on his answering machine like some off-key Freddy Fender-bender. Unless his feet are on canvas, he can't go more than a minute or two without smiling.

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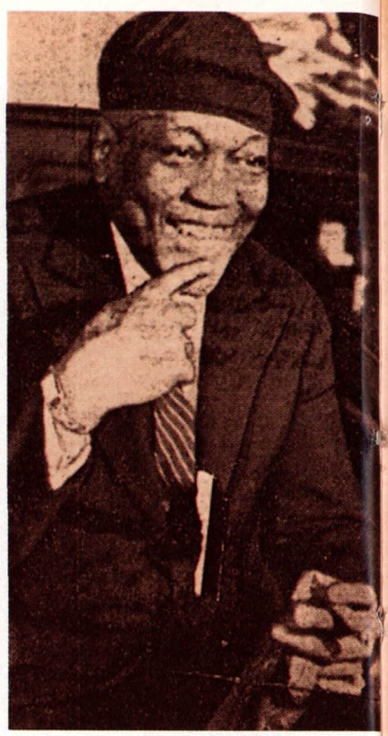
Cole captured the IBF cruiser crown by outpointing powerpuncher James Warring.



These candid shots of immortal former heavyweight champion Jack Johnson were taken on March 31, 1946—the colorful legend's 68th birthday.

I FOUGHT A 68-YEAR-OLD JACK JOHNSON AND LOST!

By Hubert Pritchard

The great heavyweight champion Jack Johnson appeared in public for the last time in 1946, at Hubert's Museum and Flea Circus, a penny arcade and freak show in New York's Times Square. The night I went to see him at Hubert's, a half-dozen people were there watching the attractions, which included "Amok the Headhunter," who weaved bamboo rings, and a man who hung weights from metal rings in the flesh of his chest. When it was Johnson's turn, he pushed up the torn cloth that served as a curtain and walked onto the small stage above us.

Sixty-eight-years-old at the time, a tall black man with a bald head, he stood with his hands in the pockets of a vested suit. "My subject tonight is boxing," he said slowly, looking around and into the distance as if trying to recall something. There was a long pause that made the patrons restless. "Thank you," he added, and retired backstage. The audience grumbled as they realized the show was over, and that all they'd gotten was a look at the former celebrity. They shuffled away, leaving me behind. I took off backstage after him.

Jack Johnson was probably the most remarkable boxer of all-time. In the grainy silent films of his fights, you can see him stepping so quickly that your eye can scarcely follow his unexpected moves. With his right arm across his chest, his left at his hip, and his right foot planted, he fought tirelessly through

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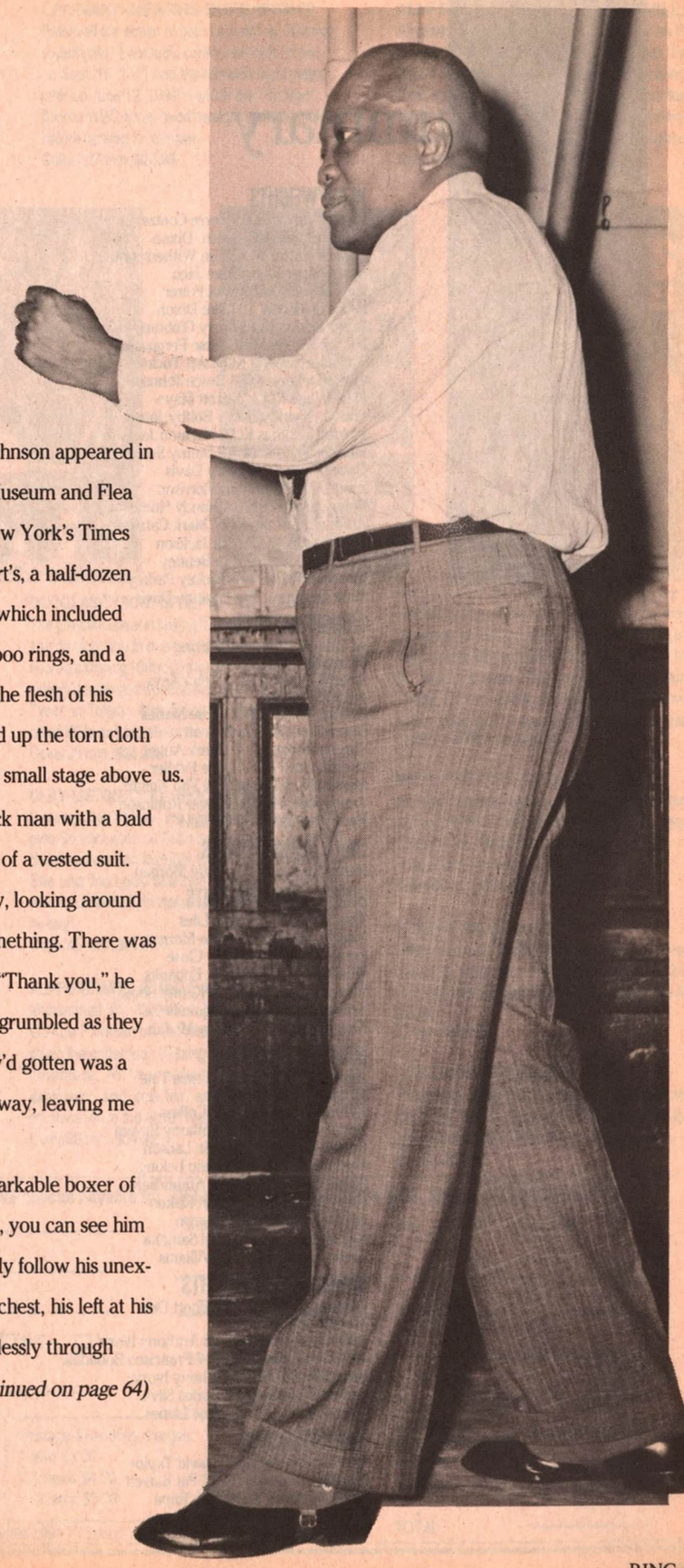

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Lennox Lewis KO 4 Mike Dixon
Bigfoot Martin W 10 Tim Witherspoon
Bert Cooper W 10 Dave Jaco
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Kenny Keene W 10 Grover Robinson
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SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
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Merqui Sosa KO 5 Lenzie Morgan
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Fidel Castro KO 6 Frank Eubanks
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Nicky Piper KO 5 Johnny Melfah

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Robbie Sims KO 1 Marvin Ladson
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Gerry Meekison W 6 Carl Riskus
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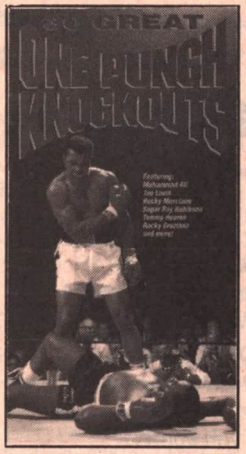

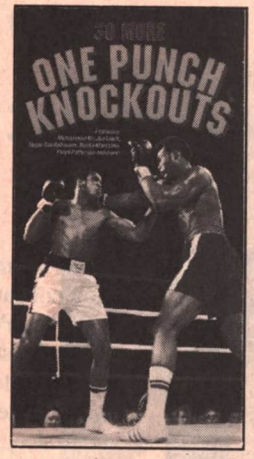

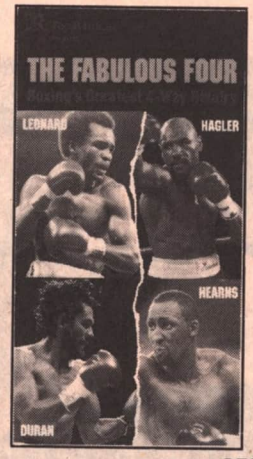

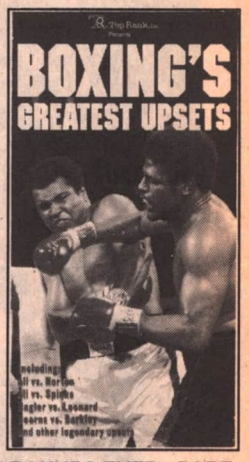

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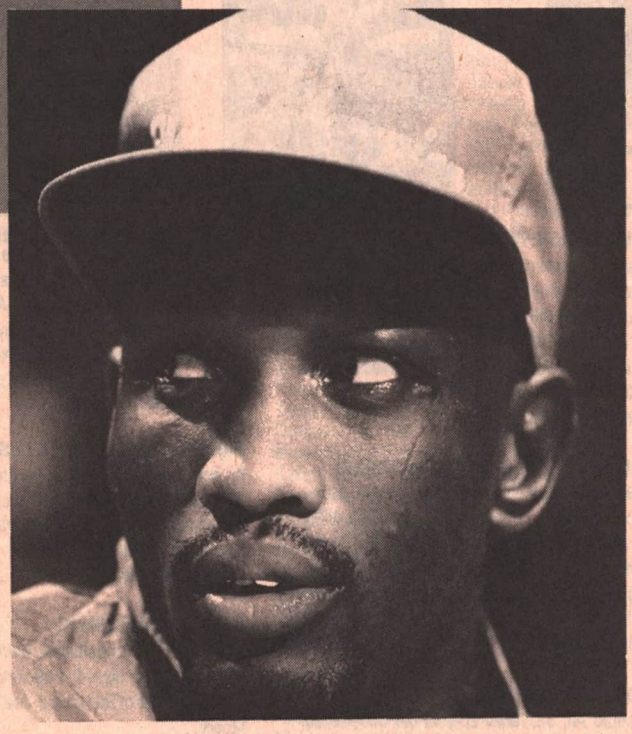


Like a dated bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon or a Wagner opera, Pernell Whitaker is an acquired taste. If you're among the uninitiated, one of his 12-round masterpieces might bore you to sleep. But if you appreciate good boxing, he's probably your favorite.

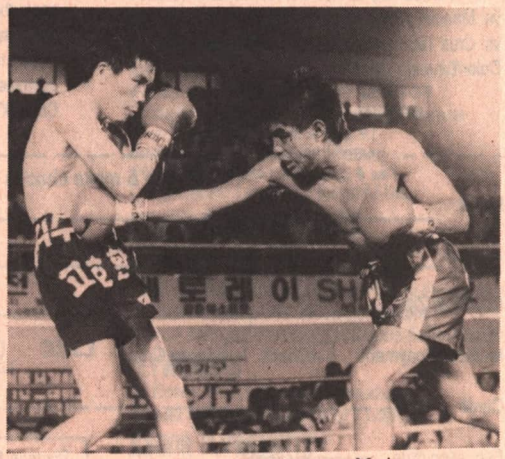
Whitaker's title-winning effort against IBF junior welterweight champion Rafael Pineda was vintage. In winning his second crown, "Sweet Pea" scored when he wanted, and frustrated one of the game's biggest hitters by subtly slipping, sliding, and ducking. Hopefully, his victory will lead to a showdown with WBC champion Julio Cesar Chavez. That's a bout *everyone* will enjoy.

Pernell Whitaker

Sung Kil Moon KO 8 Armando Salazar,

Ichon, South Korea—Hard-punching WBC super flyweight champion Moon, 115, set an accelerated pace, withstood the furious rallies of Mexican challenger Salazar, 114¼, and scored a TKO at 2:59 of the eighth round at the Ichon Municipal Gymnasium. It was the South Korean's sixth successful defense.

Moon, 28, charged his slower foe from the start. Salazar, 25, suffered a cut over his left eye in the second—it bled for the rest of the bout—but came back to take the third. Moon dominated the fourth, fifth, and sixth, and before the start of the seventh, referee Vince Delgado told the challenger, "One more round and I'll stop the fight."



Salazar tried, but it was Moon over Mexico

Salazar came close to scoring a dramatic comeback. With about 20 seconds remaining in the seventh, he exploded with a hook. Moon wobbled on rubbery legs and was saved by the bell. Salazar attempted to continue his blitz in the eighth, but he quickly tired, and after Moon regained control, Delgado called a halt. Ricardo Maldonado, Salazar's manager, made no complaints.

After seven rounds, Moon led by scores of 69-61 (Australia's Malcolm Bulner), 67-65 (California's Raul Caiz), and 68-64 (Nevada's Dalby Shirley). Moon improved to 17-1 (14); Salazar dropped to 27-6-4 (22). In his next defense, the Korean will face top-rated former bantamweight champion Greg Richardson.

Promoter: Camel Promotions.

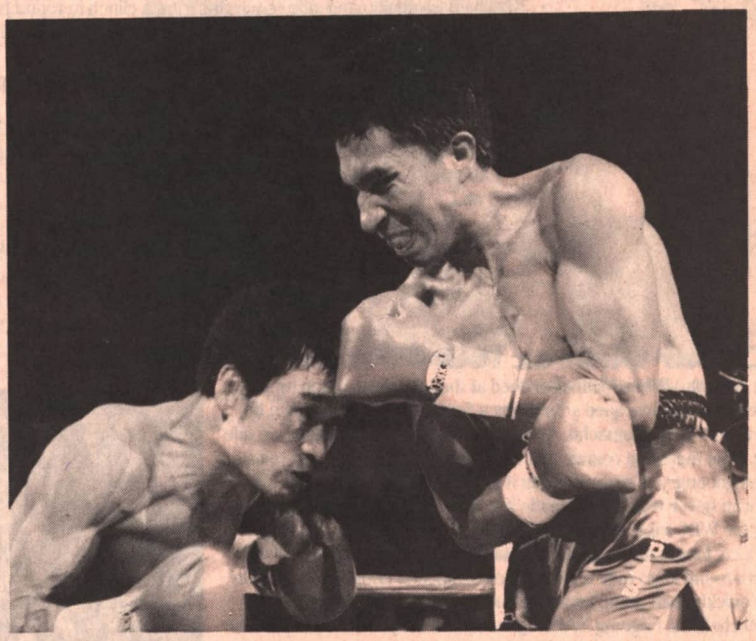
(7-4-92)

Joe Koizumi

Victor Rabanales W 12 Chang Kyun Oh,

Inglewood, California—In the second Mexican-Korean war held at the Great Western Forum this year, Rabanales, 117½, retained the WBC bantamweight title with a unanimous decision over number-one contender Oh, 118. The scores: Dr. James Jen Kin, 119-106; Terry Smith, 117-106; and Rudy Jordan, 117-106. Oh had points deducted in rounds four and 10 for low blows, and in round five for a head butt. (Rabanales had won the title in March by scoring a technical decision over another Korean, Yong Hoon Lee.)

Over the first three rounds, the fighters showed mutual respect. The fight turned in the fourth, after Rabanales, 32-10-2 (18), was cut over the right eye by a butt. Suddenly inspired, the Mexican attacked, staggering Oh with a right. In the fifth, a hook to the chin dropped the Korean, and in the seventh, a right produced another knockdown. (Oh claimed a slip.) Crude but eager, Oh, 30-5-4 (13), kept coming. Rabanales, however, swept the last five rounds.



Rabanales suffered, but still won

Oh arrived in California only four days prior to the fight, and his manager blamed the loss on the challenger's inability to adjust to the time difference.

Rabanales, listed as the "interim champion," will next travel to Japan and face the official champion, Joichiro Tatsuyoshi, who has been inactive since undergoing retinal surgery last December.

The referee was Rudy Ortega. The attendance was 5,023.

(7-27-92)

David Wood

Genaro Hernandez W 12 Masuaki Takeda,

Fukuoka, Japan—Unbeaten Californian Hernandez, 129¼, retained the WBA junior lightweight title for the second time, easily outboxing Japan's Takeda, 129½, by unanimous decision at the Fukuoka International Center. Scores: Chul Hee Han (South Korea), 120-108; Pinij Prayadsab (Thailand), 119-109; and Silvestre Abainza (Philippines), 117-111.

The lanky, 5'11" champion took control from the start with long and accurate jabs. Takeda, who was stopped in a try for WBA featherweight champion Yung Kyun Park's title in June 1991, seemed nervous and stiff. He occasionally offered big lefts and rights, but Hernandez' crafty defense kept him out of trouble.

Hernandez, 26, injured his right hand in round four, and was able to dominate solely with his jab. Over the second half of the bout, he staggered Takeda, 24, with some hooks, but rarely followed up. The Japanese fought back with spirit in the seventh and eighth. Hernandez took the last four rounds, however, and was fairly fresh at the finish.

Hernandez is 26-0 (13); Takeda 18-3 (8).

Promoter: Teiken Promotions.

(7-15-92)

Joe Koizumi

Gianfranco Rosi W 12 Gilbert Dele,

Monte Carlo—There's a tendency among boxing experts to equate Rosi's title fights with the practice of crossing the street with your eyes closed. You may make it across, but sooner or later you're gonna get whacked. Well, we're still waiting for Rosi to get whacked.

Among the sport's established champions, Rosi, 152½, Italy, is perhaps the least respected. Against former WBA champion Dele, however, he managed to survive yet another defense of the IBF junior middleweight title. Rosi picked himself up off the canvas and won a controversial split decision. Helmut Mohmert (Germany) scored 116-114 and Dan O'Neil (USA) 116-111, both for Rosi. But Torben Hansen (Denmark) saw it 114-113 for Dele. The referee was Rudy Battle.

Dele, 153¼, 33-2-1 (22), built a quick lead by popping the champion with rapid left-right combinations. His strategy was to avoid an inside fight, and he was able to keep Rosi at a relatively safe distance early on. In round three, a hard right caught Rosi coming in and dropped him to his knees. Rosi, 56-3 (17), was up quickly and didn't appear to be hurt.

As is his custom, Rosi managed to turn the bout into somewhat of a wrestling match. He held frequently and, after emerging from a clinch in round two, opened a cut on Dele's left eyebrow. To his credit, Rosi finished strong and nailed the challenger with hard combinations over the last three rounds.

"In the later rounds, Dele was in trouble," said Rosi, who made his ninth defense. "The judges were impressed with my big finish."

Maybe so, but almost nobody thought he had won. Including Dele.

"I won," said the loser. "Rosi did nothing. I forced the fight. I put him down. He didn't do anything extraordinary. It was me who landed the cleaner punches. All he did was hold on."

Dele's manager, Michael Acaries, filed an official protest, but it was denied by Benedetto Montello, the IBF's European president. Three weeks after the fight, upon further review, the IBF ordered a mandatory rematch.

(7-11-92)

Julio Cesar Chavez KO 4 Frankie Mitchell,

Las Vegas, Nevada—When Mitchell arrived at the Las Vegas Hilton on fight night, he noted the huge marquee advertising a September 12 showdown between Chavez and Hector Camacho. At the box office, tickets had gone on sale that morning. That meant, of course, that a Chavez victory was considered a given. Mitchell got angry. Very angry. But if anger were enough to beat Chavez, the Mexican never would have made it to 80-0.

Defending the WBC super lightweight title for the eighth time, Chavez, 140, Culiacan, Mexico, fought on the same card as Camacho. ("The Macho Man" scored a fourth-round kayo over a woefully overmatched Eddie Van Kirk.) He started more quickly than usual, knocking out Mitchell's mouthpiece late in round one. Mitchell, the reigning NABF lightweight champion, tried to box and move from both orthodox and southpaw stances, but his punches were inaccurate. At one point in the second, Chavez masterfully slipped a five-punch flurry, and by the end of the round, he was hooking on the inside.

Mitchell, 137½, Philadelphia, began to fold in the third, after Chavez struck with a lead right. The blow backed the challenger to the ropes. Chavez, 81-0 (70), followed with a couple of hooks, and Mitchell, 29-2 (13), fell to one knee. After rising, he raced around the ring. But Chavez hunted him down, and two hooks to the body convinced Mitchell to again drop down and take a mandatory eight-count.

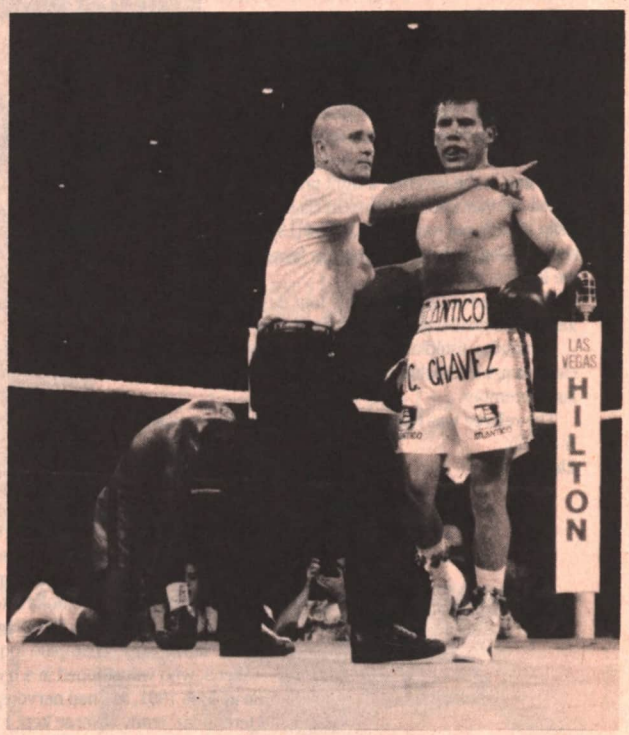
With referee Mills Lane seemingly ready to step in, Mitchell, 33, finished the round by fighting back. He turned lefty at the start of the fourth—and was greeted by a crisp lead right that redeposited him on the canvas. He crawled to the ropes and regained his feet at Lane's count of nine, but the referee nonetheless waved the fight over at the 56-second mark.

Chavez' flawless performance didn't bode well for Camacho's chances on September 12.

Judges: Angel Guzman (Puerto Rico), Omar Minton (Mexico), and Art Lurie (USA). Promoter: Don King.

(8-1-92)

Steve Farhood



Chavez made Mitchell number 81

Robert Quiroga W 12 Jose Ruiz,

Las Vegas, Nevada—In a bruising finish as close as your next breath, IBF junior bantamweight champion Quiroga rebounded from a third-round knockdown and kept the crown for the second time, scoring a majority decision at the Aladdin Hotel & Casino.

Quiroga, 115, San Antonio, Texas, 22-4 (9), relied on a mean body attack in the early rounds. Ruiz, 115, Puerto Rico, opted to retreat, then counter off the ropes. A 6-1 underdog, the challenger picked up the tempo in the seventh and eighth, and utilized his quick hands and feet over the last three rounds to back up the 22-year-old Quiroga, 20-0 (11), with solid combinations and short uppercuts. But his rally wasn't enough.

Dave Moretti (USA) and Ronnie Ralston (USA) both scored 114-113, and Roberto Ramirez (Puerto Rico) saw it 114-114. *The Ring* had Quiroga in front by 114-113.

Quiroga earned $85,000, and Ruiz $12,000.

The referee was Richard Steele.

(7-11-92)

Jack Welsh

Pernell Whitaker W 12 Rafael Pineda,

Las Vegas, Nevada—Whitaker breezed through 12 rounds of boxing against a dangerous foe, and picked up the IBF junior welterweight title by unanimous decision. And all he could think about was Julio Cesar Chavez.

Whitaker, 140, Norfolk, Virginia, used his slick southpaw style and superior speed to end the brief title reign of Pineda, 139, Barranquilla, Colombia. Frank Cairo and Jerry Roth scored 117-108, while Hector Hernandez saw it 116-110. The win should pave the way for Whitaker's long-awaited match with unbeaten WBC champion Chavez.

The hard-hitting Pineda, 28-2 (26), spent much of the bout fighting a shadow. He had few opportunities to unleash the vaunted power that helped him win the vacant title last December, when he knocked out Roger Mayweather.

Whitaker, 30-1 (14), skillfully dissected the Colombian, bobbing and weaving away from his blows. In the sixth round, referee Joe Cortez deducted a point from Pineda for hitting low. There were several low blows from both parties throughout the fight, with Whitaker being the recipient of most of them. In the eighth, Whitaker scored the only knockdown, dropping Pineda with a right hook to the ribs.

Whitaker is fitted with a new belt

Staging a desperate but futile rally, Pineda won the last three rounds on two cards. In the final 10 seconds of the bout, Whitaker joyfully backpedaled around the ring with his arms raised in victory.

"Whitaker is not the best fighter I've faced," said Pineda. "But he's difficult, very difficult to fight. This was the worst night for me, but I have no excuses."

Whitaker, the former undisputed lightweight king, described his proposed showdown with Chavez as "two generals meeting, and we're going to have an explosion."

(7-18-92)

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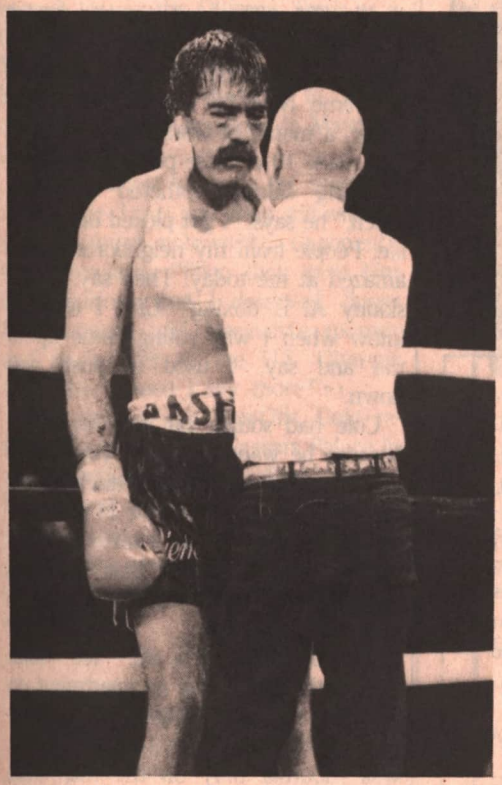

Lane rescues the courageous Coetzer

Riddick Bowe KO 7 Pierre Coetzer,

Las Vegas, Nevada—Considering the reward that a victory guaranteed, Bowe didn't mind working for what he called "chump change." But he didn't expect Coetzer to make him work so hard.

In a scheduled 12-round WBA title eliminator that was the main support for Whitaker-Pineda, Bowe, 245, Brooklyn, New York, pummeled Coetzer, 215, Johannesburg, South Africa, into submission in the seventh round of an action-packed fight. He earned $180,000, and set himself up for a multimillion-dollar payday on November 13, when he'll challenge heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield.

Coetzer, 39-3 (27), took the fight right to Bowe, and round one was filled with several heated exchanges. In the second, Bowe got a glimpse of how tough his opponent was when he drilled Coetzer with six hard punches, and the South African responded with his own wicked combination. At some point in the action, Bowe split his trunks, but with Coetzer applying constant pressure, he hardly had time to worry about it.

Coetzer, who refused to be felled by legal blows, sunk to the canvas and rolled onto his side in round six after Bowe landed a low blow. Referee Mills Lane responded by deducting a point.

In round seven, Coetzer, cut over and under both eyes, took a hard right-left while trying to counter. Bowe, 31-0 (27), then landed a left hook that was clearly low. Coetzer turned away, hoping Lane would again penalize Bowe. But the referee didn't act, and Bowe continued to punch, sending Coetzer to the ropes with a thunderous right. He landed another volley of punches before Lane stopped the fight with one second left in the round.

"Pierre was not crafty," said Bowe. "But he was extremely strong. He hit me with a lot of good shots. I know Holyfield was watching. I have a surprise for him."

(7-18-92)

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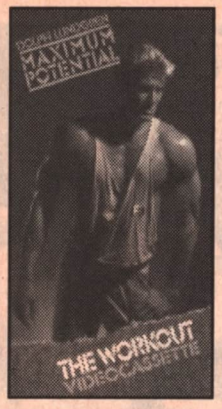

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AL COLE

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Though Cole earned all A's and B's in high school and attended two years of college, there is nonetheless a charming, scatterbrain quality about him. He is late, he explains, because he was halfway to the gym when he remembered that he'd forgotten the trunks he was to bring for a planned photo session. Halfway to the gym a second time, he remembered that he forgot his title belt. U-turn number two. You get the impression that Cole might one day enter the ring with his championship belt under his trunks and a member of his entourage proudly holding aloft his protective cup.

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The Ice Man go-eth—out the door of the gym at the U.S. Army base in Fort Hood, Texas, his curiosity with the fight game satisfied and his disgust with his own metabolism evident in the expression on his thin face.

Cole was stationed at Fort Hood for most of his six years in the military, and late in 1983, he made the decision to quit the base boxing program that he had entered only a month before. A gangly 6'2", 160 pounds the day he left high school, the Army's three square meals a day quickly added 20 pounds to his frame. Now, he was shocked to discover, a month of workouts in the gym had made 10 of those pounds disappear.

"Being skinny bothered me *that* much," he says. "I got picked on all my life. People from my neighborhood are amazed at me today. They say, 'Little, skinny Al is boxing?' *Girls* I used to know when I was young come up to me and say, *'I* used to push you down.' "

Cole had sought out the Army not because he wanted to box, yearned to travel, or viewed military discipline as the only salvation for a life in ruin. No, he enlisted because he wanted to go to college, and he knew that the only relative who could afford the tuition was his Uncle Sam.

As a teenager, the Ice Man slummeth. Home was an apartment on The Hill, the most dangerous neighborhood in Spring Valley, New York. It was suburbia only on the map, and even the locals who stayed out of trouble were headed nowhere. Cole could have handled 9-to-5. But on The Hill,

he saw far too much 9-to-8 and 9-to-9, far too many swollen ankles and aching backs, and far too few smiles on payday.

"My father was a mechanic and he would come home tired, with grease on him," Cole says. "My mother worked in a factory. She'd come home exhausted and only want to lay in bed and watch TV. That wasn't for me."

While in the Army, he majored in accounting for two years at Central Texas University. He tried boxing not because he viewed it as a potential career, but because he was undefeated in the slap fights that would break out when the guys were hanging out and fooling around, and also because being in the program relieved him of his chores. But boxing wasn't important enough to lose sleep—or, especially, weight—over.

"When I was leaving the gym for good that one day," Cole relates, "I walked out in the hallway and saw them taking the trophies for this novice tournament out of a box. They put them on a table, and I said, 'I have to send my mother one of these.' I went back to the gym the next day and entered. It wasn't no high-caliber tournament, but I won. If I never saw that trophy when I was leaving, I would have never boxed again."

By 1988, Cole had progressed enough to win the Olympic Trials as a light heavyweight, defeating Andrew Maynard, Phil Jackson, and Bomani Parker. He never made it to Seoul, dropping two 4-1 decisions to Maynard at the Box-Offs.

"Maynard lost to me in the *quarterfinals* of the Trials and they still said he was the most noteworthy opponent," Cole complains. "Then they gave him two decisions that I deserved. Sugar Ray Leonard was Maynard's sponsor and an adviser to the U.S. Olympic Committee. Need I say more?"

The night of the Box-Offs, Cole returned to his room at Caesars Palace in a funk, brushing off Top Rank's Akbar Muhammad and any other managers who wanted to talk to him about a possible pro career. He sat in his room, reading the Bible and feeling sorry for himself.

The Ice Man glummeth.

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The Ice Man numbeth—the senses of James Warring with a stinging right uppercut in the 10th round of their battle for Warring's IBF cruiserweight crown in Stanhope, New Jersey. For

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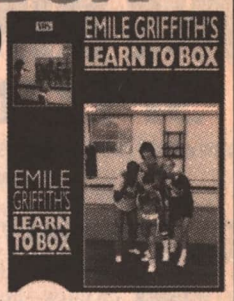

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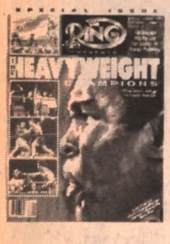

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AL COLE

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the previous nine rounds, each fighter has acted as though the other was a bengal tiger with hunger pangs. They've been content to jab, occasionally move in to deliver a single punch, and mostly stay an arm's length away. The arm of a David Robinson or an Hakeem Olajuwon, that is.

The most significant moment in the early rounds comes when referee Rafael Ramos penalizes Warring a point for holding in round three. The deduction forces Warring to abandon his jab-and-grab strategy, and leaves him on the outside, where he is vulnerable to Cole's jab. Though Warring is cut above the left eye by an accidental butt in the second round, and is a threat to unleash his punishing right hand at any moment, the fight is dull even by cruiserweight standards.

Except for jabs, few attention-getting shots are landed until the challenger, sensing that the fight is dangerously close, turns pursuer in the final three rounds. Cole, 190, Newark, 21-1 (10), stuns Warring, 188, Miami, 14-2 (9), in the 10th, cuts him under the left eye in the 11th, and keeps him backpedaling in the 12th.

When the cards are tallied, Dr. Clark Sammartino has scored 114-113, Don Nodecker 117-110, and Jean Williams 116-111, all for Cole. *The Ring* card has Cole ahead by a 116-112 count.

In many ways, it is the classic Cole performance: effective jabbing, a few powerpunches mixed in, and just enough defense, movement, and octopus imitating to keep the opponent frustrated and ineffective.

"He's like an Ernie Terrell," promoter Johnny Bos says, referring to the solid but unspectacular heavyweight of the '60s. "They won't have a long line breaking down the door and wanting to see Cole, but he's gonna win a lot of fights. He has real long arms, he's a very good boxer, and he's tough and very game. He's a lot tougher than he might look."

But tough enough to walk the *heavyweight* gauntlet? Is Cole serious? Does he really think he can follow in the footsteps Evander Holyfield left in the long jump pit? Without one-punch power at 190 pounds, can he survive against the 200-something crowd? Or

might he be shredded like Cole slaw?

"Ever since I was an amateur I've sparred with heavyweights," he says, "and I do well. I sparred Ray Mercer, Oliver McCall, Bert Cooper. I get an A-plus for sparring Cooper. I kept knockin' out his mouthpiece. He's known for spitting it out when he's hurt and wants a break.

"When I got hurt in the car accident, I went up to 208 and it was solid. Except for Holyfield and Mike [Tyson], heavyweights are slow and lazy, and they don't train hard. I'd do very well against them. Very well."

He *is* serious. And so matter of fact.

A move to heavyweight? The Ice Man ho-hummeth. The Ice Man dumbeth?

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On this unseasonably cool summer afternoon, the Ice Man drummeth—up some interest in a cruiserweight unification shootout with WBA titlist Bobby Czyz. The top four heavyweights are booked, so Cole's move up in weight is probably a year away. That leaves only one fight for him, the one that every cruiserweight wants. Once, the Ice Man chummeth with the personable Czyz. But *solid ice* can best describe their relationship at the moment.

"After he beat [Don] Lalonde, I walked up to him to shake his hand as he was coming out of the ring," Cole relates. "I stuck my hand out, and he looked at me and went right past. One time Muhammad Ali heard Sonny Liston say something about him and he said, 'He must go down.' Well, when Czyz didn't shake my hand, I said, 'He must go down.' He disrespected me. I was mad. I wanted to get him right then."

"I didn't purposely bypass him, I just didn't see him," Czyz counters. "Al Cole and I have been friendly for some time, but now someone has to take his lips and slap 'em to the moon. He was the IBF *and* WBA mandatory contender, so he could have fought for either title. He went after [Warring], so you saw who he thought he could beat.

"He needs to mention my name for attention because he's such a boring fighter that he can't bring in any crowd on his own. I have jockstraps that have been around longer than Al Cole. If he fights me, Triple Threat will be reduced to Double Trouble, and he'll be gone."

"Cole vs. Czyz, cruiserweight unification fight," Cole muses. "It's about time. I even got a name for it. I'd call it 'Time For Attention.' "

For Al Cole, the road to success beckons, its blacktop glistening, but its fast lane is filled with plenty of traffic, a few cracks and potholes, and a big tree or two walking into it from out of nowhere.

The Ice Man has his engine running and his foot on the gas pedal.

Maybe it's everyone else who should be worried? ■

JACK DEMPSEY

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from the New Mexico border—that Hyrum and Celia Dempsey arrived in 1880 with their two small children, Bernie and Effie. They had made the hazardous 2,000-mile trek all the way from Logan County, West Virginia, by covered wagon. A few years before leaving Logan County, a Mormon missionary had converted the recently married couple to the Church of Latter Day Saints. Shortly thereafter, an inspired Hyrum Dempsey sold his land for $300, purchased a prairie schooner, and with his young family in tow, headed west to what he hoped were greener pastures and a new life.

The frontier life was harder than expected. It didn't help matters that Hyrum was by nature a dreamer whose feet were seldom planted firmly in reality. Forever seeking his niche in life, he went from job to job and tried and failed at several occupations. More than a few times Mormon brotherhood kept the Dempseys' cupboard from going bare.

The brunt of responsibility for raising the family fell on Celia Dempsey's shoulders. Mother Dempsey's diminutive size and gentle appearance gave little hint of her great physical stamina and strong will. Religious, kind-hearted, and courageous, she was a true pioneer woman in the finest sense. Not surprisingly, Jack Dempsey idolized her.

The Dempseys lived in Manassa for more than 20 years. Celia gave birth to nine more children, seven of whom survived infancy. The ninth child, a boy, was christened William Harrison Dempsey. Twenty-four years later he would become an international celebrity and one of America's greatest sports legends. The whole world would come to know him as Jack Dempsey, "The Manassa Mauler." He was heavyweight champion of the world from 1919 to 1926.

Harry Dempsey, as the future champion was called by his family, spent the first seven years of his life in Manassa. In 1902, the Dempseys left Manassa. For the next two years they wandered around like gypsies, living in one town or another, from a few weeks to a few months, before finally settling in Provo, Utah. Jack Dempsey was never sure why the family left Manassa. The move may have been prompted by serious financial difficulties, or perhaps it was just Hyrum's wanderlust. In any case, Jack is on record as saying that his family was never as secure as they had been in Manassa.

Most of the Dempsey children, upon reaching maturity, would leave home and try to make a life for themselves. Harry Dempsey was no exception. More than anything else, he wanted to be a fighter. So, in 1911, at the age of 16, he followed in the footsteps of his older brother Bernie and became a professional prizefighter. The young man could not have imagined what adventures lay ahead in an eight-year odyssey that would eventually lead to unimaginable wealth and fame.

Because the tiny hamlet of Manassa is forever linked to a legendary champion's name, it, too, has achieved a kind of immortality. The good people of Manassa never forgot their favorite son. In 1966, the townspeople voted to make Dempsey's birthplace a permanent historic landmark and turn the little house in the valley into the Jack Dempsey Museum.

The small frame and stucco house was originally built in 1880 by Hyrum Dempsey, and has since been occupied by only two other families. By the mid-1960s, the house had fallen into a state of disrepair. Funds were allocated to renovate the entire structure and move it two blocks to Main Street. A park, with picnic tables and swings for children, was built adjacent to the home's new location. This peaceful little oasis, resting in the shade of three large willow trees, is called Jack Dempsey Park.

Every year, on the weekend closest to July 24th, Manassa celebrates Pioneer Days. This marks the anniversary of the arrival of the Mormons in the Salt Lake Valley in Utah. The celebration, which attracts people from all of the surrounding communities, includes two days of parades, barbecues, rodeos, a carnival, and dances. In the summer of 1966, in conjunction with Pioneer Days, the museum was formerly dedicated. Seventy-one-year-old Jack Dempsey, visiting his hometown for the first time in 40 years, rode at the head of the parade on horseback. More than 5,000 people attended the celebration, including many dignitaries.

The one-room museum—the house was orignally divided into three small

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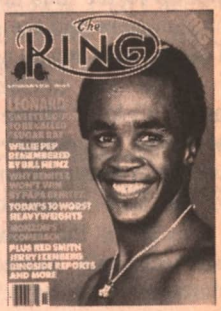

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JACK DEMPSEY

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rooms—is filled with many photos and newspaper clippings of the old champ's fascinating life. Also on display are artifacts and antiques relating to Colorado's frontier history. Dempsey donated the gloves he wore to knock out Luis Firpo, and the boxing shoes he used in one of his fights with Gene Tunney. (The museum is always seeking new acquisitions; anyone willing to contribute to the collection is encouraged to write to the Jack Dempsey Museum, Manassa, Colorado 81141.)

Admission to the museum is free. It relies on donations and the sale of souvenir T-shirts, hats, mugs, and buttons, all of which are emblazoned with "Manassa, Colo., Home of Jack Dempsey, the 'Manassa Mauler.' " The museum is opened from Memorial Day to the first of October, and is closed throughout the winter months. Although technically located in a valley, Manassa is at an elevation of 8,000 feet.

Unfortunately, very few people are aware that the museum exists. Most tourists stumble upon it quite by accident. A large sign on U.S. Highway 285 alerts travelers that they are approaching the turnoff for the historic landmark. Although maps and tour books printed in Colorado do point out the attraction, other maps and Baedekers make no mention of it.

About 200 people a month visit the museum, which is 25 miles south of Alamosa, Colorado, and 150 miles north of Sante Fe, New Mexico. Manassa is within easy driving distance of both states' many attractions and recreation areas.

Jack Dempsey passed away on May 31, 1983, in New York City. In all the years he was in the public spotlight, the fame and adulation accorded him never went to his head. In fact, he was grateful for the attention. As ferocious as he was inside the ring, he was more than gracious, good-natured, and patient outside of the squared circle. Well into his 70s, he was still an impressive and imposing figure. To be in his presence was a thrill not soon forgotten. In the famous Broadway restaurant that bore his name, he was always ready with a gentlemanly greeting and firm handshake for anyone approaching him. He was a man who never forgot his humble beginnings. The Jack Dempsey Museum in Manassa, Colorado, is a fine tribute to a great champion. ■

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JULIAN JACKSON

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million payday for his showdown with Camacho. All Jackson had to look forward to was a postfight vacation with his family at Disney World. A big-money bout vs. Toney, McCallum, or Norris seemed as distant as it had 12 months before.

The Tate fight figured to be a replay of Jackson's previous defenses. The 26-year-old challenger, a younger brother of former IBF middleweight champion Frank Tate, had enjoyed an impressive amateur career. But as a professional, he had failed to secure legitimate contender status. After winning 22 bouts, he faced his first real test and seemed impotent in losing a 12-round decision to Percy Harris. Only the generosity of the WBC allowed him to qualify for a try at Jackson; in the July ratings, he jumped from 22 to 10 *without engaging in a single contest!*

(WBC President Jose Sulaiman's explanation: Don King had issued a request that Tate be ranked in the top-10, which, Sulaiman said, promoters occasionally do. A vote of the organization's Board of Governors approved Tate's entry.)

If Tate remains in the top 10, no one will protest. A 12-1 underdog, he opened the bout like an accident waiting to happen, but by the middle rounds, his ability to absorb Jackson's biggest hits—and answer with power-punches of his own—all but eliminated the champion's aura.

The bout turned for the first time in the third, when Jackson, his right hand cocked at his side, was caught by a counter hook. That initiated a trade, and by round's end, Tate, 159, was boldly moving forward. But Jackson, 159, almost ended the bout in the fourth, when he reassumed his role of hunter. Late in the round, a lead hook stunned Tate, and a right uppercut drove him into a corner. As a right whistled over his head, he elected to take a mandatory eight-count from referee Richard Steele. It was the first knockdown of Tate's career. The bell rang before action was resumed.

"I just did the smart thing," he explained. "I went to one knee and collected myself."

Jackson began the fifth looking every bit the classic finisher. Loading up on each shot, he shook Tate with a right. Steele began inching closer, and a stoppage seemed imminent. Tate, however, displayed his mettle just in time. He answered with a hook, and then poured in punches until Jackson desperately clinched. Two straight rights and another hook backed the champion to a corner. At the sound of the bell, ringsiders were cheering wildly. No one could remember the last time a fighter had taken Jackson's best blasts. Or the last time Jackson had been forced to retreat.

At the start of the sixth, it was Tate who was seeking the spectacular finish. He dominated the round, following jabs with straight rights, and ignoring Jackson's wide counters. With 30 seconds remaining, The Hawk was in danger of falling. But he, too, had enough heart to survive until the bell.

"I'm not saying I'm made of steel," he said. "I have to do what I have to do to get away from punches. I was stunned. I must say he can punch pretty well."

Perhaps needing to slow the pace, Tate, 24-2 (19), began the seventh by circling and sticking his jab. It turned out to be a strategical blunder; he never regained momentum. The seventh was quiet, but in the eighth, a sudden exchange electrified the crowd. In the ninth, Jackson, 45-1 (42), started on his toes, but after banging to the body, he resumed the chase. He carried the 10th and 11th, and while Tate rallied in the final round, only a knockout would have brought him victory.

At the final bell, both fighters raised their hands in triumph. Totally exhausted, Tate dropped to the canvas and lay with his arms outstretched.

"I felt I could've won it," he said.

The judges sided with Jackson. Horacio Castilla (Colombia) and Chuck Giampa (USA) both scored 116-111, and Dave Brown (Canada) saw it 117-111. *(The Ring* scored for Jackson by 115-112.) It was only the third time Jackson had fought 10 rounds or more, and his first distance fight since Billy Page extended him six rounds in

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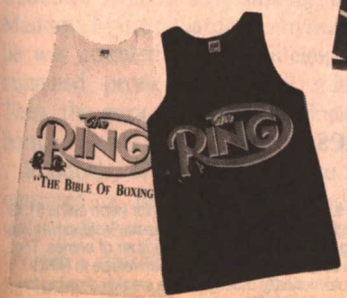

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Jackson has always insisted that he trains for long fights. Against Tate, he finally got the chance to prove it. Impressive as it was, his ability to reclaim control in the late rounds was overshadowed by the fact that he had struggled against an unknown contender. You know, winning ugly, and all that.

"I think it'll work in his favor," said Russell Nandlal, Jackson's manager. "The other fighters saw enough to think that they can take care of Julian."

"Toney, McCallum, Terry Norris, you've all been running from me," said Jackson. "Now you might get a chance to fight me. Since you think I had a blockbuster tonight, I want you all to come out and fight me. Give me the opportunity."

Talking big and thinking big, Jackson is ready to win big once more. Was his defense against Tate a sign that he's ready to be taken? He can only hope that boxing's best middleweights saw it exactly that way.■

RUDDOCK-LEWIS

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"I would say he's better now," Lewis said of Ruddock. "He proved his strength against Tyson."

The 29-year-old Ruddock is one of the most feared punchers in the game. He established that reputation primarily with his chilling fourth-round knockout of Michael Dokes in 1990. Dokes, a former WBA heavyweight champion, was caught in a hail of Ruddock lefts before sinking to the Madison Square Garden canvas. After he was counted out, his lifeless body remained prone for several minutes. Thus, the aura of Razor Ruddock was born.

Ruddock, 27-3-1 (20), has also demonstrated a fierce tenacity, and has withstood the punches of some of the division's hardest hitters. Even though he lost twice to "Iron Mike," Ruddock garnered a tremendous amount of respect by going 19 hellish rounds with the former champion. In their rematch, Ruddock's jaw was broken in round two, but he battled for the remaining 10 rounds.

Lewis isn't equipped with such credentials. He may have whipped Bowe in Seoul, but as a pro, he has fallen behind the New Yorker. Bowe moved quickly through the ratings, testing himself against a mix of veteran heavyweights and young prospects. Four years after tasting Olympic glory, though, Lewis remains untested.

Fighting primarily across the pond, Lewis has demolished British heroes Gary Mason and Glenn McCrory, and won a triple crown of sorts by copping the European, British, and British Commonwealth titles. But his most significant victories have been stoppages of faded Americans Mike Weaver and Tyrell Biggs.

"I'm gonna be making my own name on October 31," said Lewis. "I consider this my world title fight. On October 31, the whole world will see the two best heavyweights going at it, and only one will come out ahead. And that'll be Lennox Lewis."

The 27-year-old Lewis is equipped with the ability to take this fight the distance and win on points. He has shown the proper patience, and possesses a long, kniving jab that could dictate the action. Fighting for the second time under Pepe Correa, who trained Sugar Ray Leonard late in Sir Sugar's career, Lewis will be well-advised to try to take the fight into the later rounds.

Lewis also has physical advantages, something few, if any, of Ruddock's opponents have ever enjoyed. These combatants are nearly mirror images; they are both tall, long-armed punchers. But at 6'5," Lewis has a two-inch advantage in height, and his 84-inch reach is two inches longer than Ruddock's. If Lewis attempts to outbox his foe, those numbers could be pivotal. However, that "if" becomes bigger when you consider that Lewis, 21-0 (18), has a puncher's mentality.

"I'm not going out there looking to take any shots," said Lewis. "I'm looking to *give* shots. I don't think the fight will go the distance."

That's fine with Ruddock, who doesn't intend on going 12 rounds anyway. The Razor has had one distance fight in the last six years, and that was with Tyson. Like Lewis, the Canadian

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RUDDOCK-LEWIS

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has the attributes to be a successful boxer. But so far he has ignored the pleas of new trainer Floyd Patterson to jab and box more. Ruddock's fights are seek-and-destroy missions. He is a one-armed bomber who relies exclusively on his hybrid left hook-uppercut, known as "The Smash," to render opponents unconscious.

"Anyone who goes the distance with me deserves the decision," he said.

That becomes more of a possibility considering that the fight is taking place in London.

"I feel he made a tactical error when he decided to fight me," said Lewis. "He compounded it by coming to London. It gives me a great edge because I have all of England behind me."

While emotion may be Lewis' biggest asset, fights are rarely won on a rush of adrenaline. And when he steps into the ring on October 31, a night when evil spirits thrive, Lewis will be battling not just Ruddock, but the ghosts of Henry Cooper, Brian London, and Frank Bruno. Thus far in his career, nothing has prepared him for the power and intensity of Ruddock. And when he finally feels the punch of a legitimate heavyweight contender, all of England will watch him shudder.

"I have confidence in my ability," said Ruddock. "I've always used my fists to determine a fight's outcome. I'm going over with the idea that I'm gonna have to be the judge and jury in this fight."

Look for Ruddock to hand down a swift and severe verdict no later than round four. ■

JACK JOHNSON

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bouts lasting 20 rounds and longer. A wily giant, he sometimes stood up and dropped his arms to his sides or rested on the ropes to talk.

His counterpunching style was acceptable for a black fighter at the turn of the last century, when race riots might follow an unwelcomed outcome of a fight. He was 30 years old before he got a shot at the title, and even then he had to chase the champion, Tommy Burns, to Australia for the bout. The fight in Sydney, held on December 26, 1908, was a triumph for Johnson—and a bloodbath for Burns. Johnson mocked him and hit him at will, prolonging the fight for 14 rounds to make it clear to the spectators and sportswriters that the white champion had been given a beating and was defeated completely.

It was almost 40 years later that I went backstage at Hubert's Museum to find Johnson sitting on a wood chair, staring down at nothing, his hands in his pockets. He didn't look up.

"Jack," I said, with an edge in my voice, "I never understood how you old-timers fought standing straight up. You were stiff, off-balance."

His head turned toward me, and he stirred in his chair, coming around slowly. He rose and faced me, his hands still in his pockets.

"You try to hit me," he said quietly.

It was the last thing I expected him to say. I had boxed at the YMCA in Boston and was 19 years old, and not about to hit an old fighter at the end of the line.

"Come on, Jack," I said, "you're an old man."

He planted his right foot on the floor, pointed his left foot at me, and raised his long arms, the fists curled back. He was suddenly very tall and surprisingly alert, history come to life out of a turn-of-the-century print.

"You try to hit me," he said again, touchy as ever. His eyes were wide-open now, looking straight into mine. He was confident but wary, not about to underestimate any opponent.

To square off with a great fighter from the past is the stuff of kids' daydreams. *We'll just spar a little,* I thought. *He might fall, for crissakes.* I took off my coat and cleared a big space.

I raised my hands, then stabbed two quick jabs at his head. They ended wide. A fast left and a straight right didn't connect either. Then I crouched to hook and cross, only to find him already moving away. He knew what I was going to do before I did, before the punches were thrown. He moved swiftly, silently, dropping a shoulder to shift his weight, pull back, that toe still pointed at me, never taking his eyes from my chest. He caught punches in the air, or deflected them softly, or just dodged them. And, mind you, he hadn't even bothered to counterpunch.

This old man is making a fool of me, I thought, and began to sweat. In the dim backstage light, I jabbed, feinted, threw quick hooks, bobbed and weaved, and still didn't land a blow.

I knew that, when provoked, Johnson had been merciless. In 1909, when Stanley Ketchel floored him in round 12 of what was supposed to have been more exhibition than fight, Johnson got up and snaked out a fist that crashed into Ketchel's face, leaving him unconscious for 10 minutes. Some of Ketchel's teeth were later found in Johnson's glove.

It only took a couple of minutes for me to get angry. I wouldn't let him show me up as helpless, no matter who he was. I lunged forward to hit him hard, once. Suddenly, that huge fist appeared between my eyes. I hadn't seen it move. Johnson put it there, and held it there to let me know what lay ahead if I didn't back off. That's the head shot that finishes fights and fighters.

I lowered my hands slowly, breathing hard. He remained on-guard for a moment, then sat down, retreating into his thoughts. He said nothing, no so long or wave of a hand.

A few months later, his Lincoln Zephyr sped into a ditch in North Carolina, and Jack Johnson died as he had predicted he would, in a car accident. I'm probably the last man he raised his fists to. He didn't send me to the floor that night because he was still a champion. ■

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TURPIN

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his child, but this was strenuously denied by Mrs. Turpin.

In another letter discovered after his death, written two years earlier, Turpin had written bitterly of his vain attempts to get back money he had loaned, and how he had endured 74 amateur bouts, 73 professional fights, countless exhibitions and fairground ring appearances, and thousands of rounds of sparring—"all for 64 days of glory."

Sixty-four days was, indeed, the du-

ration of Randolph Turpin's reign as world champion—from July 10 to September 12, 1951. It remains the shortest middleweight title tenure on record. But the brevity of his stay should not detract from the brawny Englishman's feat of pulling off one of boxing history's mightiest shocks.

Upsets were nothing new in the fight game. Ever since master craftsman James J. Corbett had clinically taken apart an overindulgent, undertrained John L. Sullivan in the first world heavyweight title fight back in 1892, heavily backed favorites had fallen more often than a novice gymnast trying to master the parallel bars. But this was the upheaval to top the lot. Sugar Ray Robinson, the one who had earned the tag "greatest pound-for-pound fighter of them all," had lost the world middleweight crown to Turpin before 18,000 ecstatic English fans at London's Earls Court.

This was the days before live television. The initial sports flash transmitted by the newspaper wire services was greeted by sports editors with incredulity. But there was no misprint.

The 30-year-old Robinson, beaten only once before in 132 fights, had been convincingly outfought and, yes, outsmarted by the 23-year-old challenger. British referee Eugene Henderson was the sole arbiter, but this was no robbery or hometown verdict. Turpin had taken the decision fairly.

Turpin, a heavy puncher who had notched 29 knockouts in his 43 fights, had been accorded a remote chance of catching the champion with a payoff punch. Moreover, Robinson's durability was as remarkable as his other great talents. Certainly, no one had suspected Randolph could take the title on points.

It was Turpin's use of a ramrod jab, and his superior strength at close quarters, that enabled him to bustle and bully the gifted American, who was further inconvenienced by a badly cut left eye suffered in a seventh-round clash of heads.

Robinson blamed his setback on a hectic European schedule; he had fought six non-title contests in six weeks, the last only nine days before his defense against Turpin. He also admitted he had underrated the ambitious, super-fit Englishman. There would be no mistake next time, he promised.

And there wasn't. The return was held at New York's Polo Grounds, two months after the London encounter. Robinson, though again cut over the left eye and still finding it difficult to fathom Turpin's awkwardly effective style, turned possible defeat into victory with a fierce 10th-round blitz..

Turpin, downed by a scything right to the chin, tried to fend off the relentless former champion by lolling on the ropes, ducking and swaying as he sought to regain his dulled senses. But Sugar Ray was not going to let it slip this time. He rained punches on the trapped Turpin, and although many of them missed, enough got through to convince referee Ruby Goldstein that serious damage could be caused if he let Randolph take any more. He was not to know that only eight seconds of the round were left when he jumped in to wrap his arms around the still-upright, but bewildered, Britisher. Inevitably, there were arguments that Goldstein acted too hastily.

Had he allowed Turpin the benefit of those last eight seconds, it was suggested, the titleholder might have recovered in the interval and gone on to repeat his victory over the damaged and tiring Robinson.

But most observers acknowledged that the referee had acted correctly, with Turpin's safety uppermost in his mind. A few days earlier, another fighter, George Flores, had died shortly after being knocked out at Madison Square Garden. To some, it was the ghost of Flores that guided Goldstein's action.

The British, once they had gotten over the disappointment, felt their man would regain the title if he got another crack at the aging Robinson. It was not to be. Sugar Ray defended against Bobo Olson and Rocky Graziano, then unsuccessfully tried for Joey Maxim's light heavyweight crown, before announcing his retirement in December 1952.

The way seemed clear for Turpin to reestablish himself as the world's top middleweight. He was the heaviest hitter in the division, and his unorthodox skills, combined with his strength, enabled him to have made an excursion into the light heavyweight ranks, where he captured the British and Empire titles from Don Cockell by 11th-round knockout.

With Robinson out of the way, no one could deny Turpin's right to the number-one contender spot for the vacant world middleweight crown. It was his for the taking. Who would have suspected that he was to throw it all away and jump aboard the slippery

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TURPIN

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slope to poverty and premature death at his own hand?

1953 was the year it all went wrong for the 25-year-old "Leamington Licker." After taking the European Boxing Union version of the world crown by clearly outpointing tough Frenchman Charles Humez in London, he traveled to New York to meet Olson for the undisputed championship. It soon became clear that the Englishman had no real heart for the upcoming job, though it would have brought him the title, as well as financial security.

British reporters who traveled over for the fight were amazed at Turpin's training methods, or, more precisely, his lack of preparation. Always noted as a diligent trainer, he would now frequently stop sparring and quit camp for the day.

Against all the best advice, Turpin insisted on being his own boss at his Catskill Mountains headquarters. American coach Jimmy August had been brought into the camp, but Randolph preferred the advice of his longtime pal Frank Algar. (The British Boxing Board of Control was later to forbid the unlicensed Algar from working Turpin's corner.)

Turpin also rowed with his elder brother Dick, who had been the first black boxer to win a British title, and spurned the British pressmen because they had criticized his lackadaisical training methods. It took former British fighting hero Tommy Farr, who once took the great Joe Louis 15 rounds in a gallant title bid, and who was now writing a boxing column for the *London Sunday Pictorial*, to reveal the true cause of Randolph's odd behavior: He was in love!

It was true. He was pining for the girl he left at home, a Welsh farmer girl, Gwen Price. They had met while Turpin was still married to his first wife, although divorce proceedings had since begun. Before he left the States, an American woman was to have Turpin's name sensationally switched from the sports pages to the news pages when she accused him of rape and assault.

But first there was the title fight with Olson. For the first three rounds it looked as if the critics had been wrong, as the British boxer stormed into the attack, forcing Olson to cover up under a barrage of hefty rights to the head and dynamic left hooks. But it was a desperate gamble by a man who knew if he couldn't get the job done quickly, he didn't have the energy to win a lengthy battle.

From the fourth round on, it was nearly all Olson. He dominated the exchanges, cutting the Englishman's left eye in the fifth, knocking him down in the ninth and 10th, and weathering the few feeble counterattacks from the weary Turpin. Given his condition, it was a miracle that Randolph survived for 15 rounds. But there could be no doubting the decision. All three judges gave it to Olson by wide margins.

Worse was to follow for the disgraced Britisher. The day before he was due to sail back home on the Queen Mary, he was arrested by New York police and was charged with assaulting 24-year-old Adele Daniels. She claimed he had assaulted her at her apartment in a "vicious, bestial, cruel manner."

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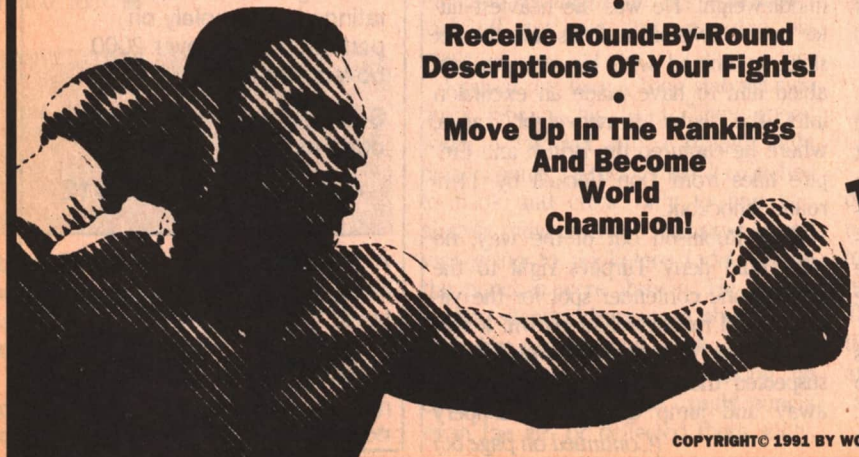

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$35,000 in damages, twice what Turpin had earned for the Olson fight. (She eventually settled for $2,500.)

Whatever talents Turpin might have shown as a ringman, he had no head for business. A hotel venture flopped. He had installed his brother-in-law, a former brick carrier, as the hotel's manager, and lost more than $20,000 on the deal.

There were countless stories of how the man who grew up in poverty squandered his hard-earned cash. What he didn't spend on worthless business deals, he threw away on women and so-called friends who borrowed money with no intention of ever paying him back.

His boxing career hit bottom in 1954, when he was sensationally knocked out in the first round by Tiberio Mitri in a European title fight in Rome. Turpin later complained of double-vision, but an examination by the British Boxing Board's doctor passed him as being in excellent health and fit to resume his career.

He fought 17 more times, with just three defeats, but it was plain for all to see that the fire was gone, and there was worrying evidence that he could no longer take a decent wallop on the chin. This was proven conclusively when Trinidad's Yolande Pompey sent him sprawling for the count in September 1958. It was Turpin's last legitimate contest.

Bankrupted for a tax debt of $34,000, he turned to that most degrading occupation of washed-up fighters—professional wrestling. He was paid around $50 a bout, a far cry from the $68,000 he had earned for the second Robinson fight.

On May 14, 1966, an official-looking letter dropped through the Turpin mailbox. It was a final demand from the Inland Revenue for a settlement on his wrestling earnings. On top of this worry, the Leamington Spa Council wanted to demolish his cafe to install a garage.

The one-time Leamington Licker brooded over where it had all gone wrong. In his 12-year boxing career, he had earned about $600,000, a phenomenal sum for the time. Now he couldn't afford to pay off a $1,600 tax bill.

It was the realization of what he had let slip through his fingers, compounded by news of the huge figures bandied about for the heavyweight title fight that month in London between Henry Cooper and Muhammad Ali, that proved to his disturbed mind that there was only one way out.

Turpin's cynicism toward the sport that had brought him fame and despair was summed up in a poem he penned called "The Longest Road." The last lines read:

So we leave this game
Which was hard and cruel
And down at the show
On a ringside stool
We'll watch the next man
Just one more fool ■

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NEW FACES

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always the lingering fear that another break could occur any time he lands an awkward punch to the head. To reduce that risk, Marcus throws more left uppercuts and hooks to the head, while attacking his opponent's body with his right hand.

"I don't want Egerton to stay inside and bang," Benton said. "I want him to stay on the outside, box, and not load up with that right hand."

Marcus emphasized that he has never thought of quitting. He has too much love for the sport. He recalls wanting to be a fighter as early as the age of nine, but his mother, Joyce, would not allow him to hit, or be hit.

At the time, he thought her decision was odd for two reasons: His older brother, Chris, had represented Canada as an amateur welterweight in the 1970s, and his mother—that's right, his *mother*—had boxed a decade earlier. She fought exhibitions in her hometown of Good Fortune, Guyana, merely to show people that a woman could fight. Perhaps that's why she eventually softened her stance toward Egerton.

Marcus, who lives in Toronto, has since proved to his mother—and himself—that he is a boxer of exceptional talent by compiling an 86-6 amateur record and winning an Olympic medal. And he's just as determined to prove himself in the pro ranks.

"Over the years, some people have given up on me," he said. "But I've never given up on myself. I have no plans to quit, as some people have suggested. To listen to others would mean I'm living for them. But I'm living for me. That's why I'm confident I'll be fighting for a title someday. When exactly, I can't say. But I *will* fight for a title." ■

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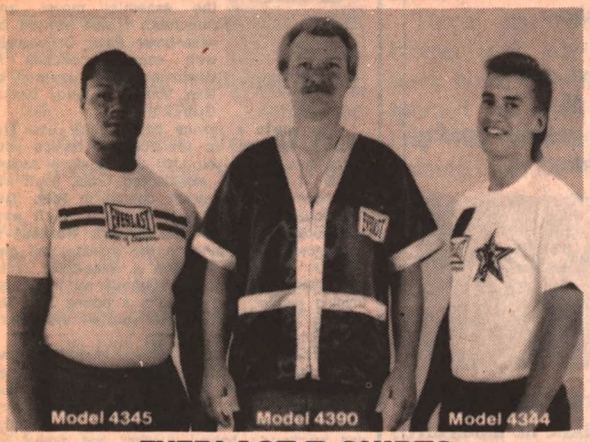

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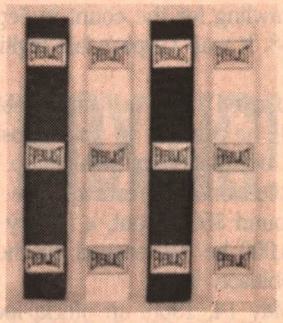

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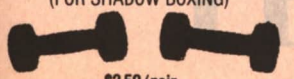

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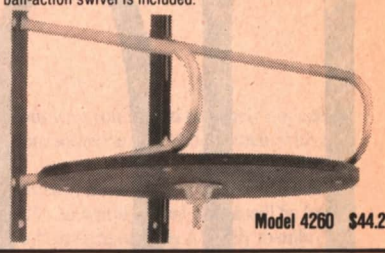

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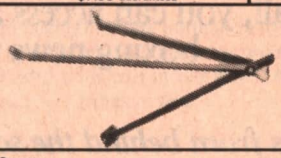

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By Don Scott

The trickiest things to collect are autographs. Here are some reasons why you should definitely *not* collect them. (And since I know you aren't going to take that advice from someone who collects them with a passion, I'll discuss some things to look for).

The major problem with autographs is that so many of them *aren't*. Even in a world in which no one would dream of forging someone's name for profit (and that isn't *this* world), there would still be lots of bogus autographs. First, there are what's known as "secretarials," or signatures by a family member, staff member, or friend done for the celebrity because he or she either won't, or can't, sign. In *Boxing Collector's News,* I publish addresses in each issue, and in one I put in an address of a deceased fighter by mistake. One reader wrote and said he was grateful for the address since he had gotten all his stuff back signed. *Hmmm.*

Then there is the problem that some previous owner may have merely written the name of the boxer on the photo for identification purposes. I cannot tell you of the number of folks who have sent me copies of items they have purchased like this. One dealer was offered a Max Baer-signed photo. The signature on the picture may have been legit, but it is actually *in* the photo, not on it. Many famous fighters had photos done where they signed the negative, and every picture contains their "autograph."

And let us not forget the dreaded stamped signature. Fans sending their prized Buster Douglas photos and programs to the former heavyweight champion may get them back defaced with a signature made by a rubber stamp. There is also a device, called an autopen, that can create an ink signature very well, making it very difficult to distinguish from the real thing. It is rumored that many early Mike Tyson photos were signed by autopen.

Still not dissuaded? Your best bet, then, is to collect signatures in person. But if you live in 99.9 percent of the country, boxers just don't get to town much. I can tell you to simply deal with a reputable dealer. This is, however, conventional wisdom that can fail you since lots of fine dealers have been fooled, too.

Nothing succeeds like doing your homework. There are occasionally private signings, which are great. Not only does the fighter get something in return, but you can now be sure that the guy's daughter didn't sign.

The older stuff just requires some study, and the opinions of folks in the hobby. It is, after all, the acceptance by dealers and collectors that legitimizes a signature. (I have seen signatures that were acquired in person that I know, 20 years from now, will be discredited.)

One other thing: Signatures change over time. I secured the signatures of Evander Holyfield and Mike Tyson, each when they had just turned pro, and I assure you, they are radically different from those gotten in person today.

As for prices, signed photos and personal letters in long hand are worth three-to-five times what a simple signature is. Here are actual prices realized at auctions and sales in the last two months. (SP is signed photo; CS is cut signature; TLS is typed letter signed; ALS is letter in long hand.) And remember, lots depends on the look and vintage of the piece, which isn't addressed here.

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Joe Louis TLS $230
Bob Fitzsimmons signed album page $2,924
Al Singer SP $200
Charley Phil Rosenberg SP $100
Wilfred Benitez SP $40
Louis Kaplan SP $135
Fritzie Zivic SP $66
Young Corbett III SP $35
Joey Maxim SP $27
Ken Norton SP $38
Max Baer SP $143
Tommy Burns SP $1,265
Jim Braddock & manager SP $330
Jim Corbett SP $825
Roberto Duran SP $71
Jim Jeffries SP $467
Sonny Liston SP $1,045
Jack Sharkey SP $165
Gene Tunney SP $110
Jack Dempsey TLS $154
Jack Johnson TLS (1938) $880
John L. Sullivan ALS $1,980
George Dixon CS $825
Bob Fitzsimmons SC $2,860
Small Montana CS $138
Midget Wolgast CS $82
Ali on glove $253
Lou Ambers on glove $33
Jake LaMotta on glove $137
Archie Moore on glove $66
Floyd Patterson & Ingemar Johansson on gloves $253

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Worldwide Ratings

WBC as of July

WBA as of June

IBF as of July

HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Evander Holyfield (USA)	C	C	C
Razor Ruddock (CAN)	1	3	5
Lennox Lewis (GB)	2	4	4
Riddick Bowe (USA)	3	2	3
Tony Tucker (USA)	4	7	9
George Foreman (USA)	5	5	1
Alex Stewart (JAM)	6	-	-
Larry Holmes (USA)	7	-	12
Alex Garcia (USA)	8	10	-
Tommy Morrison (USA)	9	11	10
Ray Mercer (USA)	10	8	7
Pierre Coetzer (SA)	-	1	2
Tim Witherspoon (USA)	14	6	6
Herbie Hide (GB)	-	9	-
Frank Bruno (GB)	18	-	8

CRUISERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Anaclet Wamba (FRA)	C	-	-
Bobby Czyz (USA)	-	C	-
James Warring (USA)	-	-	C
Orlin Norris (USA)	1	2	2
Akim Tafer (FRA)	2	4	11
Nate Miller (USA)	3	-	-
Alfred Cole (USA)	4	1	1
Massimiliano Duran (ITA)	5	-	-
Dennis Andries (GB)	6	7	-
Jeff Lampkin (USA)	7	-	-
Johnny Nelson (GB)	8	6	7
Arthur Williams (USA)	9	5	6
Dwight Muhammad Qawi (USA)	10	9	-
Derek Angol (GB)	12	3	4
Don Lalonde (CAN)	-	8	-
Richard Mason (USA)	11	10	-
Mike Hunter (USA)	-	-	3
Uriah Grant (USA)	-	11	5
Dmitrij Eliseev (CIS)	20	-	8
Jason Waller (USA)	26	-	9
Marcelio Figueroa (ARG)	13	-	10

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Jeff Harding (AUSTRL)	C	-	-
Charles Williams (USA)	-	-	C
David Vedder (USA)	1	-	-
Virgil Hill (USA)	2	2	3
Frank Tate (USA)	3	1	1
Randall Yonker (USA)	4	10	-
Crawford Ashley (GB)	5	8	-
Henry Maske (GER)	6	3	5
Andrew Maynard (USA)	7	9	9
Esteban Pizarro (PR)	8	-	6
Anthony Hembrick (USA)	9	-	-
Wan Sub Lee (KOR)	10	7	-
Thomas Hearns (USA)	-	4	-
Fabrice Tiozzo (FRA)	17	5	-
Tim Hillie (USA)	-	-	2
Saul Montana (MEX)	18	6	4
Andrea Maggi (ITA)	-	-	7
Robert Folley (USA)	-	-	8
Earnie Magdaleno (USA)	22	-	10

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Mauro Galvano (ITA)	C	-	-
Victor Cordoba (PAN)	-	C	-
Iran Barkley (USA)	-	-	C
Nigel Benn (GB)	1	4	10
Frank Nicotra (FRA)	2	3	3
Michael Nunn (USA)	3	1	2
Tony Thornton (USA)	4	2	1
Henry Wharton (GB)	5	12	9
Merqui Sosa (DR)	6	7	11
Tim Littles (USA)	7	5	5
Darrin Van Horn (USA)	8	-	4
Dan Schommer (USA)	9	-	-
Vincenzo Nardiello (ITA)	10	10	-
Frank Liles (USA)	14	6	-
Otis Grant (CAN)	-	8	-
James Cook (GB)	13	9	8
Mwehu Beya (ITA)	16	-	6
Jean Tsidjo (FRA)	19	-	7

MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julian Jackson (VI)	C	-	-
Reggie Johnson (USA)	-	C	-
James Toney (USA)	-	-	C
Sumbu Kalambay (ITA)	1	2	5
Lamar Parks (USA)	2	1	2
Roy Jones (USA)	3	6	4
Mike McCallum (JAM)	4	4	1
Herol Graham (GB)	5	-	10
Bernard Hopkins (USA)	6	9	3
Steve Collins (USA)	7	3	8
Frederic Seillier (FRA)	8	-	-
Jorge Castro (ARG)	9	-	-
Thomas Tate (USA)	10	-	-
Chad Parker (USA)	-	5	-
Joe Gatti (USA)	15	7	-
Ruben Cabral (ARG)	-	8	-
Francesco Dell'Aquila (ITA)	14	10	11
Glenn Wolfe (USA)	-	-	6
Percy Harris (USA)	16	-	7
Tyrone Trice (USA)	13	-	9

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Terry Norris (USA)	C	-	-
Vinny Pazienza (USA)	-	C	-
Gianfranco Rosi (ITA)	-	-	C
Julio Cesar Vasquez (ARG)	1	1	6
Simon Brown (USA)	2	7	-
Aaron Davis (USA)	3	2	12
Jean-Claude Fontana (FRA)	4	9	5
Troy Waters (AUSTRL)	5	-	11
Carl Daniels (USA)	6	-	3
Yung Kil Chung (KOR)	7	4	-
Chris Pyatt (GB)	8	-	
William Jones (USA)	9	-	
Wally Swift (GB)	10	-	8
Gilbert Dele (FRA)	11	3	1
Hitoshi Kamiyama (JAP)	14	5	-
Jorge Castro (ARG)	-	6	7
Vernon Phillips (USA)	-	8	-
Stephen Martinez (USA)	21	10	-
Vincent Pettway (USA)	12	11	2
Gilbert Baptist (USA)	-	-	4
Lloyd Honeyghan (GB)	18	-	9
Gilberto Barreto (COL)	-	-	10

WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
James McGirt (USA)	C	-	-
Meldrick Taylor (USA)	-	C	-
Maurice Blocker (USA)	-	-	C
Genaro Leon (MEX)	1	4	10
Santos Cardona (PR)	2	-	-
Glenwood Brown (USA)	3	3	9
Crisanto Espana (VEN)	4	1	2
Yori Boy Campas (MEX)	5	6	3
David Gonzalez (USA)	6	-	8
Vernon Phillips (USA)	7	-	-
Jong Oh Park (KOR)	8	5	-
Donovan Boucher (CAN)	9	9	-
Ludovic Proto (FRA)	10	7	12
Luis Gabriel Garcia (VEN)	11	2	1
Buck Smith (USA)	12	8	5
Francisco Castillejo (SPA)	-	10	-
Kevin Pompey (USA)	19	-	4
Patrizio Oliva (ITA)	-	-	6
Stephan Johnson (USA)	28	-	7

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julio Cesar Chavez (MEX)	C	-	-
Akinobu Hiranaka (JAP)	-	C	-
Rafael Pineda (COL)	-	-	C
Juan M. Coggi (ARG)	1	1	9
Hector Camacho (PR)	2	-	-
Terrence Alli (USA)	3	3	2
Greg Haugen (USA)	4	-	-
Angel Hernandez (PR)	5	10	-

Charles Murray (USA)	6	-	3
Frankie Randall (USA)	7	-	-
Andy Holligan (GB)	8	-	7
Vince Phillips (USA)	9	-	5
Felix Trinidad (PR)	10	-	10
Pernell Whitaker (USA)	-	2	1
Edwin Rosario (PR)	14	4	-
Rodolfo Aguilar (PAN)	-	5	-
Morris East (PHIL)	28	6	-
Valery Kayumba (ZAI)	16	7	-
Donald Stokes (USA)	21	8	-
Loreto Garza (USA)	17	9	-
Pat Barrett (GB)	-	-	4
Oba Carr (USA)	-	-	6
Ramon Zavala (USA)	-	-	8

LIGHTWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Joey Gamache (USA)	-	C	-
Darryll Tyson (USA)	1	3	5
Miguel Gonzalez (MEX)	2	8	-
Sharmba Mitchell (USA)	3	4	9
Tony Lopez (USA)	4	6	8
Wilfredo Rocha (COL)	5	-	10
Frankie Mitchell (USA)	6	9	7
Rafael Ruelas (USA)	7	11	-
Ramon Marchena (MEX)	8	-	-
Kostya Tszyu (CIS)	9	-	-
Jean Mendy (FRA)	10	10	11
Dingaan Thobela (SA)	-	1	-
Gussie Nazarov (CIS)	-	2	-
Jorge Paez (MEX)	11	5	6
Chil Sung Chun (KOR)	-	7	-
Freddie Pendleton (USA)	-	-	1
Tracy Spann (USA)	14	-	2
Eduardo Molina (COL)	18	-	3
Miguel Julio (COL)	22	-	4

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Azumah Nelson (GHA)	C	-	-
Genaro Hernandez (USA)	-	C	-
John-John Molina (PR)	-	-	C
Gabe Ruelas (USA)	1	2	6
Jeff Fenech (AUSTRL)	2	-	11
Bernard Taylor (USA)	3	10	2
Calvin Grove (USA)	4	4	8
Coco Ramirez (MEX)	5	-	3
Regilio Tuur (HOLL)	6	-	-
Renato Cornett (AUSTRL)	7	11	-
Jimmy Garcia (COL)	8	-	-
Victor Hugo Paz (ARG)	9	-	-
Jimmi Bredahl (DEN)	10	3	-
Yuji Watanabe (JAP)	19	1	-
Juan Negron (PR)	14	5	-
Harold Warren (USA)	20	6	-
Masuaki Takeda (JAP)	-	7	-
Jesus Gutierrez (PAN)	-	8	-
Marcos Guevara (VEN)	22	9	-
Fernando Caicedo (COL)	-	-	1
Jerry Ngobeni (SA)	-	-	4
Jackie Gunguluza (SA)	-	-	5
Orlando Marimon (COL)	-	-	7
Wilson Rodriguez (DR)	-	-	9
Eugene Speed (USA)	12	-	10

FEATHERWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Paul Hodkinson (GB)	C	-	-
Yung Kyun Park (KOR)	-	C	-
Manuel Medina (MEX)	-	-	C
Kevin Kelley (USA)	1	1	3
Ever Beleno (COL)	2	7	6
Goyo Vargas (MEX)	3	-	-
James Leija (USA)	4	6	4
Jose Ramos (DR)	5	-	-
Jemal Hinton (USA)	6	3	8
Tom Johnson (USA)	7	2	2
Miguel Arrozal (PHIL)	8	-	-
Troy Dorsey (USA)	9	-	10
Fabrice Benichou (FRA)	10	-	-
Luisito Espinosa (PHIL)	21	4	-
Eloy Rojas (VEN)	-	5	-
Giovanni Nieves (VEN)	-	8	-
Tae Shik Chun (KOR)	30	9	-
Chris Saguid (PHIL)	17	10	-
November Ntshingila (SA)	-	12	1
Louie Espinoza (USA)	12	-	5
Orlando Soto (PAN)	-	12	7
Tony Green (USA)	15	-	9

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Tracy Patterson (USA)	C	-	-
Wilfredo Vasquez (PR)	-	C	-
Welcome Ncita (SA)	-	-	C
Daniel Zaragoza (MEX)	1	-	-
Jesus Salud (USA)	2	-	4
Kennedy McKinney (USA)	3	1	1
Julio Gervacio (DR)	4	-	3
Rudy Zavala (USA)	5	6	7
Luis Mendoza (COL)	6	2	-
Jose Garcia (DR)	7	-	-
Jae Won Choi (KOR)	8	3	-
Thierry Jacob (FRA)	9	-	-
Otilio Gallegos (MEX)	10	-	-
Hiroaki Yokota (JAP)	19	4	-
Freddy Cruz (DR)	15	5	-
Jose Rincones (VEN)	-	7	5
Adalberto Acevedo (PAN)	-	8	-
Ramon Guzman (VEN)	-	9	-
Juan Bautista Rodriguez (COL)	13	10	-
Richard Duran (USA)	30	-	2
Sakda Sawpungdee (THAI)	-	-	6
Cesar Polanco (DR)	24	-	8
Ray Minus (BAH)	22	-	9
Luisito Espinosa (PHIL)	-	-	10

BANTAMWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Joichiro Tatsuyoshi (JAP)	C	-	-
Victor Rabanales* (MEX)	C	-	-
Eddie Cook (USA)	-	C	-
Orlando Canizales (USA)	-	-	C
Eliecer Julio (COL)	1	1	4
Chang Kyun Oh (KOR)	2	-	-
Junior Jones (USA)	3	2	1
Gerardo Martinez (USA)	4	-	8
Clarence Adams (USA)	5	9	6
Daorung Chuvatana (THAI)	6	3	-
Yong Hoon Lee (KOR)	7	6	-
Javier Leon (MEX)	8	8	3
Johnny Bredahl (DEN)	9	10	11
Vincenzo Belcastro (ITA)	10	-	-
Yasuey Yakushiji (JAP)	11	4	-
Israel Contreras (VEN)	19	5	-
Abraham Torres (VEN)	-	7	9
Juvenal Berrio (COL)	-	-	2
Francisco Alvarez (COL)	17	-	5
Harold Mestre (COL)	27	12	7
Junai Ramayana (INDO)	-	-	10

*Interim Champion

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Sung Kil Moon (KOR)	C	-	-
Katsuya Onizuka (JAP)	-	C	-
Robert Quiroga (USA)	-	-	C
Greg Richardson (USA)	1	-	-
Jose Luis Bueno (MEX)	2	6	2
Gerry Penalosa (PHIL)	3	8	-
Armando Salazar (MEX)	4	-	-
Elvis Alvarez (COL)	5	-	-
Thalerngsak Sithbaobay (THAI)	6	2	-
Armando Castro (MEX)	7	1	7
Joel Luna (MEX)	8	7	1
Bernardo Mendoza (CHILE)	9	-	-
Cecilio Espino (MEX)	10	-	-
Hyun Chul Lee (KOR)	25	3	-
Kotaro Hayashi (JAP)	19	4	-
Kenji Matsumura (JAP)	13	5	-
Nana Konandu (GHA)	14	9	-
Jung Il Byun (KOR)	12	10	-
Carlos Mercado (COL)	18	-	3
Vincenzo Belcastro (ITA)	-	-	4
Samuel Duran (PHIL)	-	-	5
Miguel Martinez (MEX)	-	-	6
Lamhot Simamora (INDO)	21	11	8
Ole Kiatwonway (THAI)	-	-	9
Dan Nietes (PHIL)	-	-	10

FLYWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Yuri Arbachakov (CIS)	C	-	-
Yong Kang Kim (KOR)	-	C	-
Rodolfo Blanco (COL)	-	-	C
Isaias Zamudio (USA)	1	-	1
Alberto Jimenez (MEX)	2	-	-
Muangchai Kittikasem (THAI)	3	11	-
Yun Un Chin (KOR)	4	3	-
Rolando Pascua (PHIL)	5	-	-
Al Kotey (GHA)	6	4	6
Francisco Tejedor (COL)	7	-	-
Cuachtemoc Gomez (MEX)	8	-	11
Antonio Perez (MEX)	9	-	-
Seung Koo Lee (KOR)	10	-	-
David Griman (VEN)	-	1	12
Scotty Olson (USA)	11	2	2
Alvaro Mercado (COL)	30	5	10
Aquiles Guzman (VEN)	-	6	-
Evangelio Perez (PAN)	-	7	-
Salvator Fanni (ITA)	14	8	8
Hisashi Tokushima (JAP)	17	9	-
Dave McAuley (IRE)	23	10	5
Pichit Sitbangphachan (THAI)	26	-	3
Tongchai Kittikasem (THAI)	-	-	4
Rafael Caban (PR)	-	-	7
Harold Grey (COL)	-	-	9

LIGHT FLYWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Humberto Gonzalez (MEX)	C	-	-
Hiroka Ioka (JAP)	-	C	-
Michael Carbajal (USA)	-	-	C
Melchor Cob Castro (MEX)	1	8	5
Nam Hoon Cha (KOR)	2	4	-
Javier Varguez (MEX)	3	-	7
Leon Salazar (PAN)	4	-	3
Alejandro Montiel (MEX)	5	7	-
Kwang Sun Kim (KOR)	6	9	-
Domingo Sosa (DR)	7	-	-
Napa Kiatwanchi (THAI)	8	-	-
Shiro Yahiro (Japan)	9	6	9
Jesus Chong (MEX)	10	-	-
Myung Woo Yuh (KOR)	-	1	12
Juan A. Torres (PAN)	13	2	2
Leo Gamez (VEN)	-	3	-
Robinson Cuesta (PAN)	29	5	1
Benedicto Murillo (PAN)	22	10	-
Azadin Anhar (INDO)	-	-	4
Jesus Zuniga (COL)	-	-	6
Manny Melchor (PHIL)	-	-	8
Jacob Matlala (SA)	-	-	10

STRAWWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Ricardo Lopez (MEX)	C	-	-
Hi Yong Choi (KOR)	-	C	-
Phalan Lukmingkwan (THAI)	-	-	C
Rocky Lim (JAP)	1	5	-
Ala Villamor (PHIL)	2	7	1
Hideyuki Ohashi (JAP)	3	2	-
Chana Porpaoin (THAI)	4	1	-
Carlos Murillo (PAN)	5	3	2
Kwang Soo Oh (KOR)	6	11	-
Singprasert Kittikasem (THAI)	7	-	-
Rafael Torres (DR)	8	4	3
Sung Woo Lee (KOR)	9	8	-
Andy Tabanas (PHIL)	10	10	12
Marcelino Bolivar (VEN)	24	6	7
Manny Melchor (PHIL)	16	9	-
Felix Naranjo (COL)	-	-	4
Alejandro Montiel (MEX)	-	-	5
Carlos Rodriguez (VEN)	22	-	6
Ratanapol Vorapin (THAI)	-	-	8
Alfredo Xeque (MEX)	19	-	9
Said Iskandar (INDO)	28	-	10

RING CLASSIC

GREAT FIGHTERS NOT ALWAYS GREAT REFEREES

From The Ring, February 1977

By Murray Goodman

Bob Foster, retired undefeated light heavyweight champion of the world, moved around the ring with an effortless grace that seemed natural.

"Don't hold, Jimmy," he said softly.

"Keep them up, Joe," he admonished gently.

Jimmy Ellis and Joe Frazier paid attention. Foster was the referee of this fight at 4:30 p.m., in the blazing heat of Melbourne, Australia. It was his first major refereeing job.

"I was thinking seriously of making a comeback as a fighter," he declared. "Now, I've got a good new career. How long has this been going on? I was afraid to take this assignment at the beginning. I have been friendly with Ellis, and even though Frazier and I fought, we have been close friends. It was a little scary at the start, but I had no problems, and it was a good, clean fight as long as it lasted."

The bout ended in the eighth round.

"You get a funny feeling when you're not used to it," he added. "All your life you've been in there throwing punches, and now you're watching them. I don't remember what round it was, but one of Frazier's punches missed my chin by a fraction of an inch. I came close to forgetting myself."

Foster has since returned to the ring, but his venture into refereeing is not unusual for former champions and greats of the ring. Some have been exceptionally good, and have established outstanding reputations. Others, hired solely for the value of their names, have turned out to rate between ordinary and dismal.

Jim Jeffries was the first of the big-name former-champion referees. He had retired as champion for lack of competition, and he, himself, established Marvin Hart and Jack Root as the logical contenders. They met in Reno in 1905, with Jeffries as the referee. The following year, he refereed the battle between Hart and Tommy Burns, then Burns and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, and, in 1907, the fight between Burns and Bill Squires.

Rex Layne (left) and Ezzard Charles were lucky to be squaring off against each other, and not the referee, former heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey.

France's Georges Carpentier, the world light heavyweight champion who went on to fight Jack Dempsey, was the third man for three fights that Jack Johnson had in Paris in 1913 and 1914. Johnson, having gotten into trouble with the U.S. government in 1912, was in virtual exile in Europe. He was still recognized by most as the world heavyweight champion, however. He knocked out Andre Sproul in two rounds, and then fought Battling Jim Johnson (no relation). Carpentier called the fight a draw after 10 rounds, when Jack Johnson declared he had broken his arm. (Under today's rules, Battling Jim would have won the title on a technical knockout.)

Few will recall that Gunboat Smith, who became the white heavyweight champion by knocking out Arthur Pelkey on New Year's Day, 1914, refereed the Jack Sharkey-Max Schmeling world heavyweight title fight in the Long Island Bowl, on June 21, 1932. (It is interesting to note that Smith lost that white title to Carpentier on a foul in London, England, in 1914.)

Jack Dempsey, Jersey Joe Walcott, Jim Braddock, Joe Louis, Jack Sharkey, and Max Baer were other world heavyweight champions who accepted reasonably big fees for refereeing chores. In the lesser weights, in addition to the new entry of Foster, the more prominent were Tommy Loughran, Benny

THE RING RATINGS, *February 1977*

Alfonso Zamora

HEAVYWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Muhammad Ali**, Chicago, IL

1. **George Foreman**, Houston, TX
2. **Ken Norton**, San Diego, CA
3. **Jimmy Young**, Philadelphia, PA
4. **Duane Bobick**, Bowlus, MN
5. **Ron Lyle**, Denver, CO
6. **Larry Holmes**, Easton, PA
7. **Howard Smith**, Los Angeles, CA
8. **Johnny Boudreaux**, Houston, TX
9. **Stan Ward**, Sacramento, CA
10. **Joe Bugner**, England

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

World Champ: Title Vacant

1. **Victor Galindez***, Argentina
2. **Len Hutchins**, Detroit, MI
3. **Richie Kates**, Brighton, NJ
4. **John Conteh****, England
5. **Miguel Cuello**, Argentina
6. **Jesse Burnett**, Los Angeles, CA
7. **Bobby Cassidy**, Brentwood, NY
8. **Vonzell Johnson**, Kalamazoo, MI
9. **Mike Quarry**, Orlando, FL
10. **Alvaro Lopez**, Stockton, CA

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Carlos Monzon**, Argentina

1. **Mike Colbert**, Portland, OR
2. **Rodrigo Valdes**, Colombia
3. **Bennie Briscoe**, Philadelphia, PA
4. **Bobby Watts**, Philadelphia, PA
5. **David Love**, Los Angeles, CA
6. **Gratien Tonna**, France
7. **Alan Minter**, England
8. **Vito Antuofermo**, Italy
9. **Tony Licata**, New Orleans, LA
10. **Leo Saenz**, Baltimore, MD

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Miguel Angel Castellini***, Argentina

1. **Eckhard Dagge****, Germany
2. **Maurice Hope**, England
3. **Elisha Obed**, Nassau, Bahamas
4. **Jose Duran**, Spain
5. **Rocky Mattioli**, Australia
6. **Monte Bethan**, New Zealand
7. **Miguel Campanino**, Argentina
8. **Koichi Wajima**, Japan
9. **Bruno Arcari**, Italy
10. **Frank Wissenbach**, Germany

WELTERWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Carlos Palomino****, Los Angeles, CA

1. **Pete Ranzany**, Sacramento, CA
2. **Clyde Gray**, Canada
3. **Jose Cuevas***, Mexico
4. **John Stracey**, England
5. **Armando Muniz**, Los Angeles, CA
6. **Angel Espada**, Puerto Rico
7. **Johnny Gant**, Washington, D.C.
8. **Randy Shields**, Los Angeles, CA
9. **Miguel Barreto**, Puerto Rico
10. **Mel Dennis**, Houston, TX

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Wilfredo Benitez***, Puerto Rico

1. **Antonio Cervantes**, Colombia
2. **Monroe Brooks**, Los Angeles, CA
3. **Saensak Muangsurin****, Thailand
4. **Hector Thompson**, Australia
5. **David Green**, England
6. **Rudy Hernandez**, Los Angeles, CA
7. **Nicolino Locche**, Argentina
8. **Cemal Kamaci**, Austria
9. **Miguel Velazquez**, Spain
10. **Saoul Mamby**, New York, NY

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Roberto Duran***, Panama

1. **Esteban DeJesus****, Puerto Rico
2. **Vicente Saldivar**, Mexico
3. **Edwin Viruet**, Puerto Rico
4. **Vilomar Fernandez**, Dominican Republic
5. **Perico Fernandez**, Spain
6. **Hector Medina**, Dominican Republic
7. **Jean-Baptiste Piedvache**, France
8. **Josue Marquez**, Puerto Rico
9. **Hugo Barraza**, Colombia
10. **Giancarlo Usai**, Italy

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Samuel Serrano***, Puerto Rico

1. **Alfredo Escalera****, Puerto Rico
2. **Tyrone Everett#**, Philadelphia, PA
3. **Ben Villaflor**, Philippines
4. **Walter Seeley**, Sayville, NY
5. **Rafael Limon**, Mexico
6. **Apollo Yoshio**, Japan
7. **Blakeney Matthews**, South Africa
8. **Ezequiel Sanchez**, Dominican Republic
9. **Ruben Castillo**, Las Vegas, NV
10. **Sigfredo Rodriguez**, Mexico

FEATHERWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Alexis Arguello***, Nicaragua

1. **Danny Lopez****, Los Angeles, CA
2. **Jose Cervantes**, Colombia
3. **Lionel Hernandez**, Venezuela
4. **Art Hafey**, Canada
5. **Eder Jofre**, Brazil
6. **Yum Dong Kyun**, South Korea
7. **Pedro Jiminez**, Spain
8. **David (Poison) Kotey**, Ghana
9. **Royal Kobayashi**, Japan
10. **Elio Cotina**, Italy

BANTAMWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Alfonso Zamora***, Mexico

1. **Carlos Zarate****, Mexico
2. **Wilfredo Gomez**, Puerto Rico
3. **Eusebio Pedroza**, Panama
4. **Raul Tirada**, Mexico
5. **Paddy Maguire**, Ireland
6. **Frankie Duarte**, Los Angeles, CA
7. **Roberto Rubaldino**, Mexico
8. **Salvatore Fabrizio**, Italy
9. **Daniel Trioulaire**, France
10. **Sean O'Grady**, Oklahoma City, OK

FLYWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Miguel Canto****, Mexico

1. **Luis Estaba**, Venezuela
2. **Guty Espadas***, Mexico
3. **Jorge Lujan**, Panama
4. **Yoko Gushiken**, Japan
5. **Juan Guzman**, Dominican Republic
6. **Alfonso Lopez**, Panama
7. **Betulio Gonzalez**, Venezuela
8. **Juan Alvarez**, Mexico
9. **Willie Jensen#**, Las Vegas, NV
10. **Jiro Takada**, Japan

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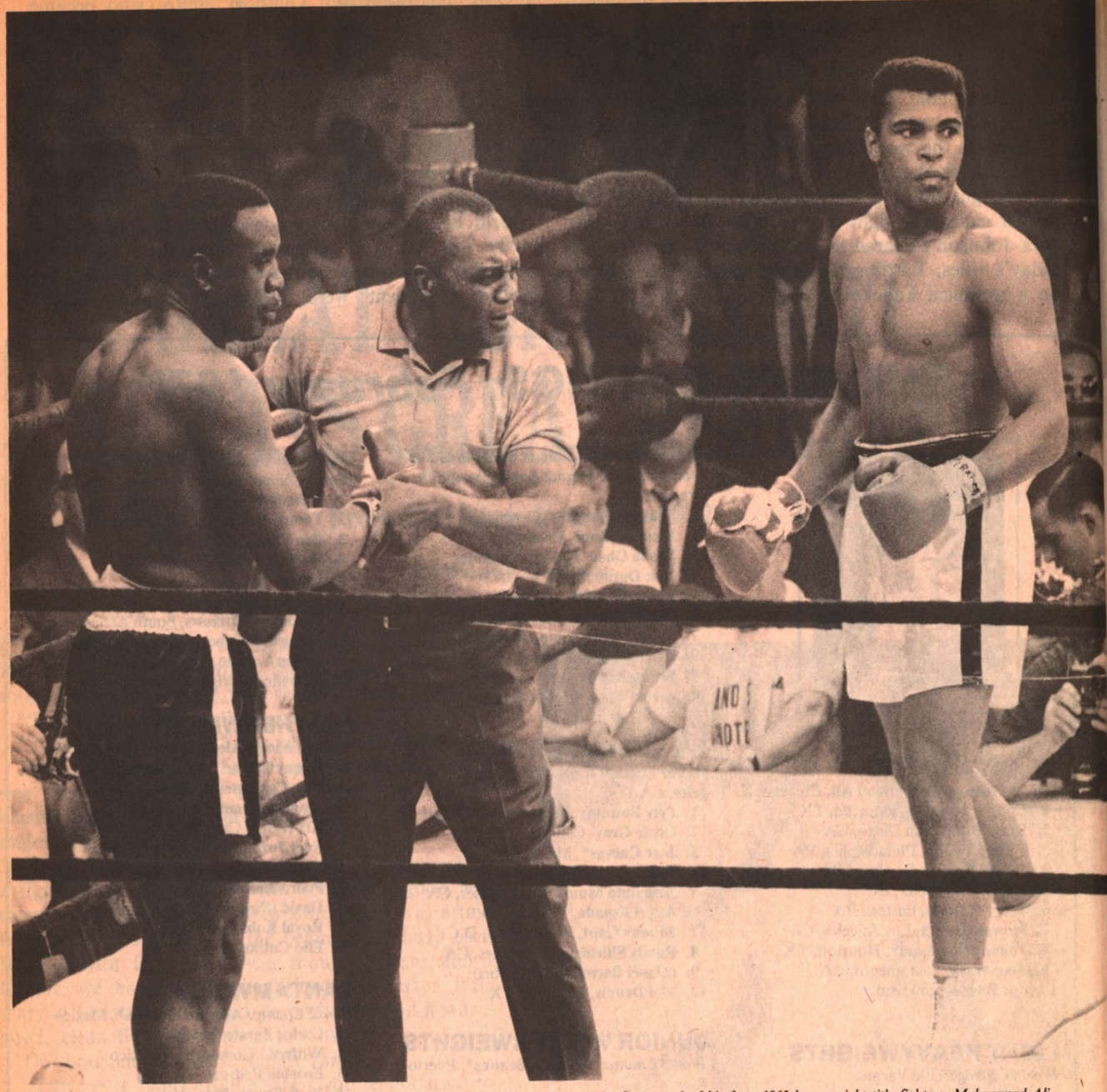


Referee Jersey Joe Walcott's expression says it all: Sonny Liston has risen from a knockdown in the first round of his June 1965 heavyweight title fight vs. Muhammad Ali, and no one is quite sure whether the former champion has been counted out. After consulting with the timekeeper, Walcott learned that the count had reached 22!

Leonard, Willie Pep, Mushy Callahan, and Ruby Goldstein.

Dempsey demanded—and received—what was then the highest fee ever paid a referee, $5,000, and, of course, expenses. He handled the Ceferino Garcia-Glen Lee middleweight title fight, the Chavez-Escobar bantamweight title bout, and a 10-round battle between Rex Layne and Ezzard Charles, in Ogden, Utah, in 1952, in which he called eight rounds even and awarded the fight to Layne.

Sharkey's biggest job was the Archie Moore-Yvon Durelle light heavyweight title fight, in Montreal, on December 10, 1958. Durelle had Moore bouncing up and down like the proverbial yo-yo, until he ran out of gas from overexertion and succumbed in the 11th round. There are those who voiced the opinion that some of Sharkey's counts over Moore appeared a little longer than the allotted 10 seconds.

The dignified gentleman, Tommy Loughran, was called in to referee the Floyd Patterson-Pete Rademacher title fight in Seattle, but that was a rare public occasion for the former light heavyweight champion.

Jersey Joe Walcott, who did occasional refereeing jobs around the world, made the mistake of accepting third man duties in the Sonny Liston-Cassius Clay return that ultimately wound up in Lewiston, Maine. Jersey Joe became somewhat confused when Liston went down in the first round. The timer, Francis McDonough, counted 12, but couldn't get Walcott's attention, and finally, it was Nat Fleischer who relayed the message to Jersey Joe that the count had already reached 22, and that Liston had been counted out twice. It was an embarrassing moment for the former world champion.

Braddock and Baer were competent referees, the "Cinderella Man" working occasionally, and Baer

Former heavyweight king Jack Sharkey worked both Archie Moore-Yvon Durelle title fights. In the first bout, Durelle was stopped in the 11th round.

more frequently, on the West Coast. Baer, with a bad heart, succumbed in 1959 in a Hollywood hotel between refereeing jobs.

Among the lesser weighted champions, Willie Pep, Mushy Callahan and Benny Leonard were competent referees when they found work. Leonard, who had tried a comeback after a seven-year absence from the ring, became a licensed referee in 1943. He died of a heart attack—while working a bout—in 1947.

The most prominent of the fistic referees was a non-champion by the name of Ruby Goldstein. Ruby refereed many outstanding fights in New York, the most prominent being the Louis-Walcott fight at the Garden, and the Joey Maxim-Sugar Ray Robinson light heavyweight title bout at Yankee Stadium. Goldstein wilted in the heat in that latter one, and had to receive medical attention. (Robinson, ahead all the way, also yielded to the bursting thermometer, surrendering in the 14th round.)

The critics say a referee should never score a fight because a former boxer is unconsciously partial to the clever ones, and a former puncher to the killers. A look at history may only prove that some are good, some bad, and a few, just awful. ■

Light heavyweight legend Tommy Loughran raises the hand of Floyd Patterson after the heavyweight king's kayo of Olympic gold medalist Pete Rademacher.

THE RING, February 1977

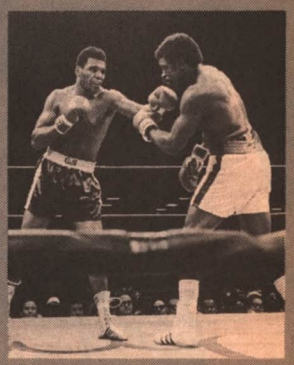
The Cover: Editor and Publisher Nat Loubet examines lightweight champion Roberto Duran and tries to rate him in history. His conclusion: Duran is an all-time great 135-pounder, but his place will not be determined until he rises in weight.

The New Champ: Less than 24 hours after Danny Lopez' return from Ghana, where he had won the WBC featherweight title by outpointing David Kotey, the newly crowned champion is interviewed by Howard Siegel. He says of the Kotey fight, "In front of the 120,000 people, you could almost hear a pin drop after the decision [was announced]." Pictured: Lopez with manager Howie Steindler.

A Day In The Life: Las Vegas correspondent Shirley Norman spends a day with former heavyweight champion Joe Louis, who works as a casino host and greeter at Caesars Palace. "I wouldn't leave Caesars for any other hotel in the world," Louis said. "The people here are all champions, and I'm gonna stay around just as long as they'll have me." Pictured: Louis with singer Petula Clark.

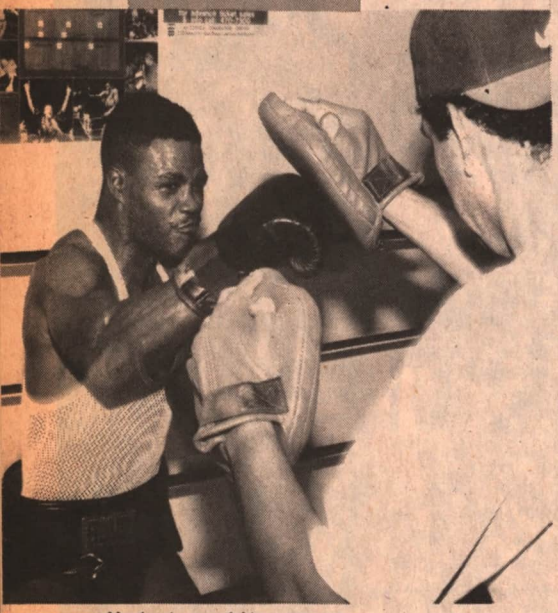
Ali: Actor Or Fighter?: Marshall Reed looks at Muhammad Ali, who, like so many world heavyweight champions before him, can't seem to make up his mind whether to be an actor or a fighter. Ali's latest project: the title role in a film biography called (what else?) *The Greatest.*

Fighter Of The Month: Philadelphia heavyweight Jimmy Young is honored for his 10-round points victory over fellow contender Ron Lyle. It is Young's second win over Lyle, and his third consecutive victory since his controversial April 1976 title fight loss to Muhammad Ali.



Looking Ahead

By Jeff Ryan



Norris: A natural hitter

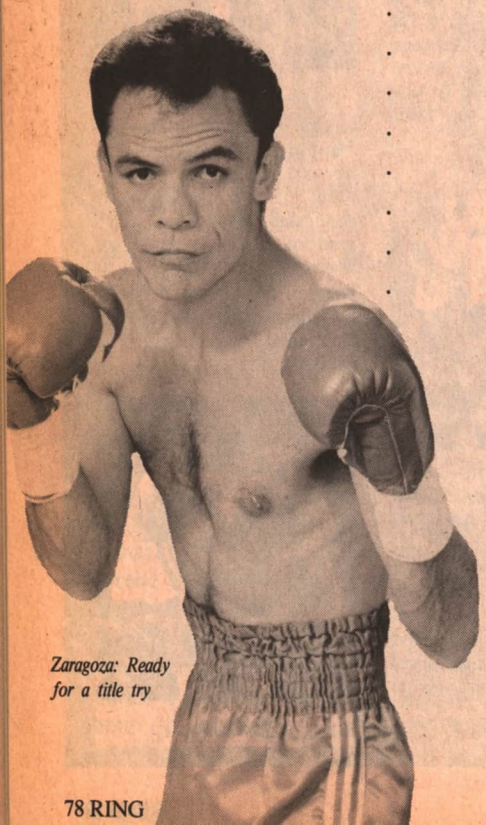
ANOTHER CAREER ON DECK?

The best fighter in the world grew up dreaming of success, but the dreams were of rosin bags and tape-measure homers, not heavybags and tales of the tape. They were dreams that smelled like peanuts and beer, had the sticky feel of pine tar between the fingers, and were illuminated by a thousand points of light set high atop an upper deck. Terry Norris grew up with batting gloves *and* boxing gloves on his hands, but only centerfield in the Houston Astrodome on his mind.

Norris, the WBC super welterweight king and a former star centerfielder on his high school team in Texas, bitterly left baseball after being suspended for fighting during his senior season. But he still hopes to hit the cutoff man again one day, at least at the intercollegiate level.

"I plan to go to college in the next couple of years," he says, "and I want to try baseball. I want to see what skills I have left. Maybe I gave up on it too soon."

Or maybe not soon enough. The 25-year-old Norris is a world champion, and he's expected to pocket $2.6-million this year for three nights of work. It's not a bad career choice, especially when you consider this: On a night when he's hitting everything in sight, they can't bring in Dennis Eckersley in the late rounds to throw off his timing.



Zaragoza: Ready for a title try

THE PRINCE OF WALES

The *other* Prince Charles, the guy with the rocky marriage to Di and the string of polo ponies, has been in the news a lot lately. The Prince Charles with the rocky marriage to boxing critics and the string of horsespit challengers, however, has vanished from the radar screen.

Prince Charles Williams, in case you were wondering, is still sidelined by a broken right hand he suffered while training in May. He was slated to resume serious workouts in November, and a defense of the IBF light heavyweight crown is likely in January or February.

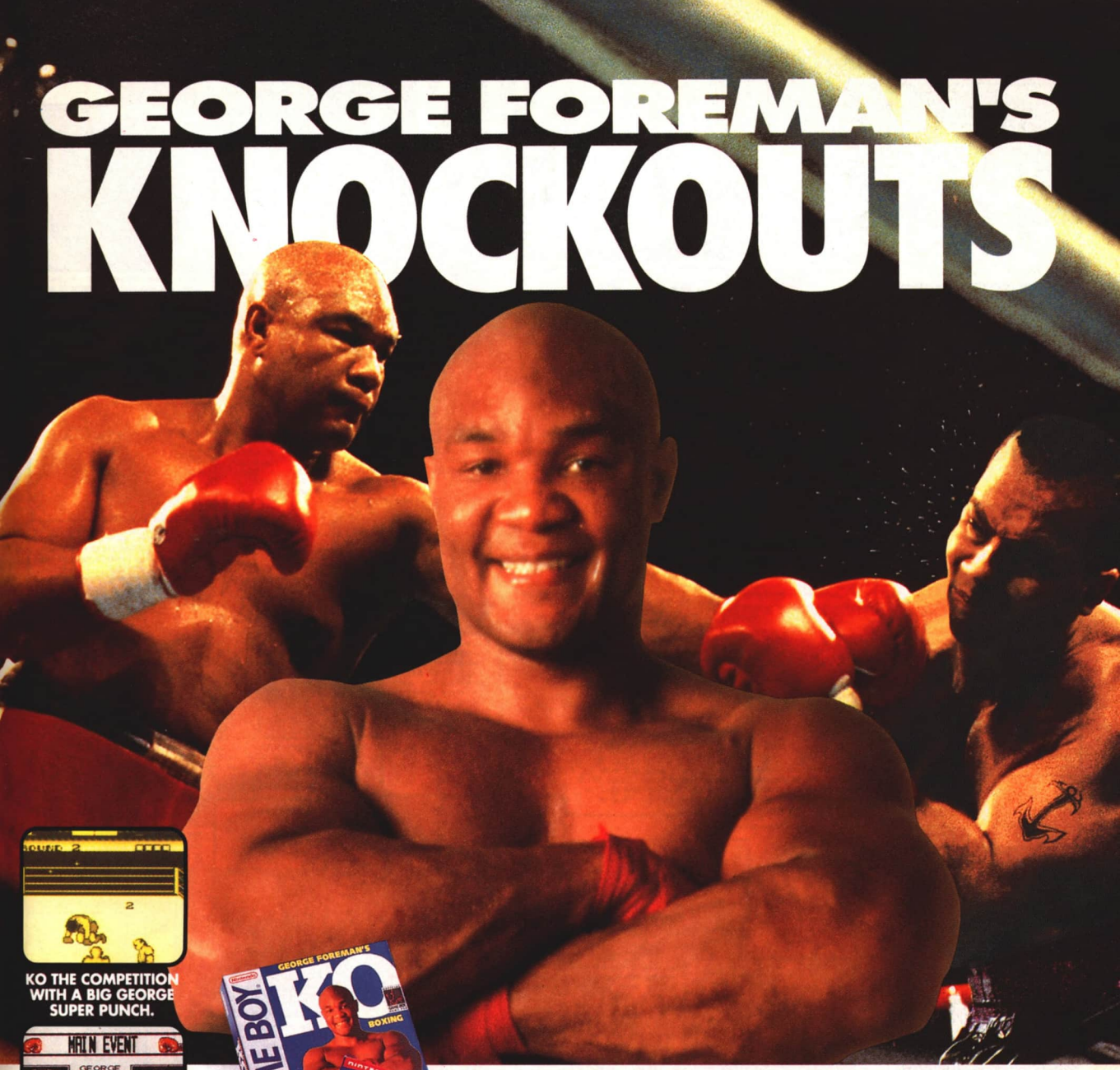
The Prince hasn't exactly been the king of tough fights in the last two years. His competition has deteriorated from Bobby Czyz and Frankie Swindell to Mwehu Beya and Vincent Boulware. But those last two fights, both in Europe, have brought him $200,000 purses, something he can't get in the U.S. unless he meets a Barkley or Hearns, or other marquee names.

"A Hearns won't fight him because Charles doesn't have the celebrity to make him take the risk," says Gary Gittelsohn, Williams' manager. "[WBC champion] Jeff Harding has no interest, despite our approaches. Economics dictate that Charles fight in Europe because European TV pays."

LISTEN UP

California's **Gabriel Ruelas** is the mandatory contender for WBC super featherweight king **Azumah Nelson**, but don't print up the programs. Nelson's mandatory defense is due in December, but by then he'll be campaigning full-time as a lightweight . . . Look for **Tracy Patterson** to make his first defense of the WBC super bantamweight crown against 34-year-old former two-time champion **Daniel Zaragoza**. The Mexican, more so than the aluminum soda can, could serve as proof of the wonders of recycling. ■

GEORGE FOREMAN'S KNOCKOUTS



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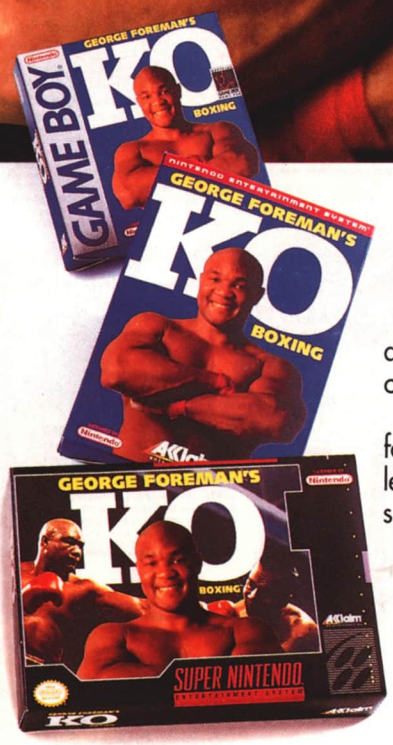

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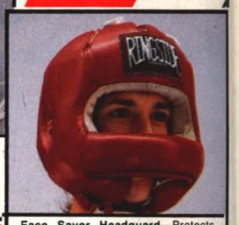

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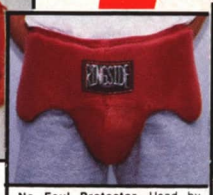

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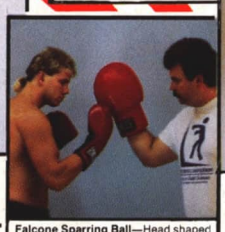

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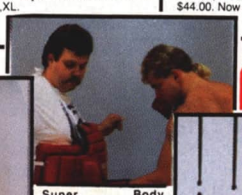

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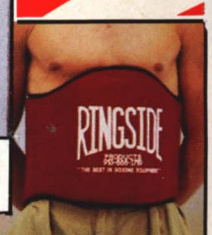

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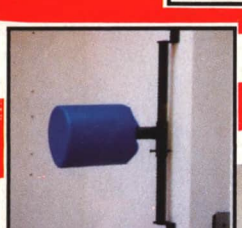

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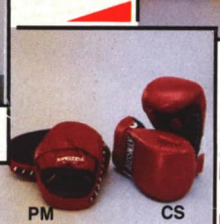

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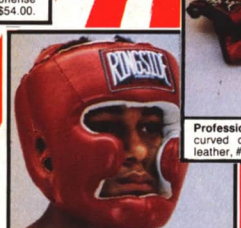

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